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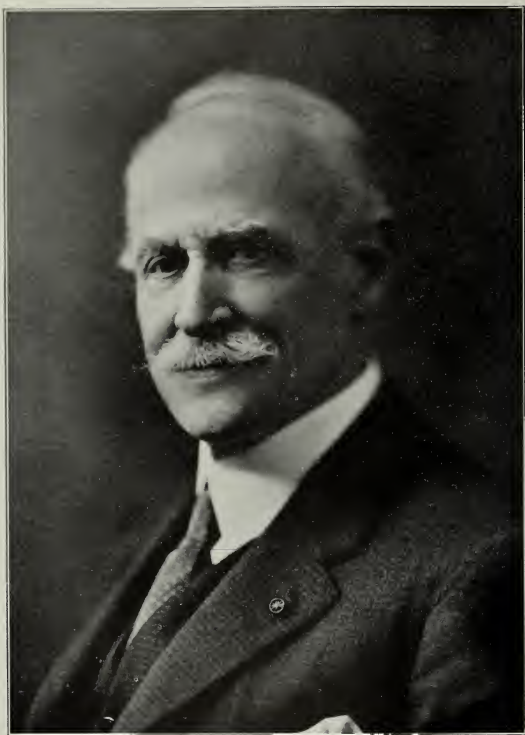
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FRANK OTIS

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## FRANK OTIS

In many respects one of the most distinguished citizens of the East Bay district is Frank Otis, who has held the office of mayor of Alameda continuously since 1919, and whose record of public activities has made him one of the most favorably known men in this section of the state, while in the profession of law he has long been regarded as the peer of any of the members of the Alameda county bar. Mr. Otis was born in San Francisco on the 18th day of November, 1852, and is a son of Stephen and Harriet (Dennett) Otis, who were pioneers of California, he having made the long journey around Cape Horn and she by way of Panama. He was reared in San Francisco, attending the grade and high schools, and then became a member of the first freshman class to enter the University of California under that institution's state charter. He was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1873, in the first class graduated from the present university campus, receiving the university gold medal awarded for the highest scholarship. Subsequently in 1876 the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He then turned his attention to the law, studying under the preceptorship of Judge Selden S. Wright, and later of Edwin B. Mastick. Mr. Otis was admitted to the bar in Sacramento, April 11, 1876, and became associated with the law firm of E. B. & J. W. Mastick. From that time until 1919 Mr. Otis was associated with various lawyers, but from that date has been alone in the practice. Possessing a keen and analytical mind, he has always been painstaking and thorough in the preparation of his cases and in the trial of causes has proven skillful and resourceful, while as an office counselor he has long been regarded as a sound and dependable advisor.

In 1880 Mr. Otis was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Lockwood Mastick, a daughter of his early associate, Edwin B. Mastick, and two sons born to this union are now living, namely, Edwin M., an attorney residing in Alameda and a former state senator, and Stephen F., an attorney in Sacramento. Mr. Otis began his public career as a member of the city board of education in 1899, serving eight years, during six of which he was president of the board. He was elected near the end of 1906 to the state assembly, representing Alameda county from 1907 to 1911.

While a member of the assembly, he sponsored in 1909 the well known anti-race-track gambling bill which closed for gambling purposes the race-tracks of California. He likewise was the author of the certified milk bill which initiated the procurement of pure milk by the people of this state.

He was mayor of Alameda from 1913 to 1915, and was a member of the board of freeholders, also presiding over a later board which prepared the city manager charter for Alameda. In 1917 Mr. Otis was elected a member of the city council, serving in that capacity until 1919, when he was chosen mayor, and is now the incumbent of that position. During all the years of his residence here he has evinced the keenest interest in the welfare of his community, lending his efforts and his influence to its advancement and betterment along civic and moral lines. During the world war he worked actively in the furtherance of the various war measures. He headed the executive committee on all of the Liberty Loan drives in Alameda, each one of which exceeded the apportionment, and was an effective four-minute speaker. Mr. Otis is a member of the Society of California Pioneers, the Commonwealth Club, the San Francisco Commercial Club, the Sierra Club, has served as head of the Unitarian Club of America and as a director of the Olympic Club and the Mercantile Association of San Francisco. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of the American Revolution, and is one of the charter members of the California Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, belonging also to the Golden Bear Society and the Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Otis has traveled widely, having visited practically all of the larger cities of the world, and in 1889-90 made a memorable trip of one hundred and thirty days on a clipper ship from San Francisco around Cape Horn to Liverpool. He is a man of vigorous and alert mentality, is remarkably well preserved physically, and, though advanced in years, is still young in his interests. His has been an active and useful life and no citizen of his community commands to a greater degree the confidence and esteem of the people.

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### THOMAS CARROLL

The oldest citizen of the Fruitvale district of Oakland in point of years of residence is Thomas Carroll, who for three decades has rendered efficient and satisfactory service as constable of Brooklyn township, his record as a man and citizen winning for him a high place in public esteem. Mr. Carroll was born in Wisconsin on the 25th of December, 1853, and is a son of Wesley and Margaret (Mitchell) Carroll. His father crossed the plains to California in 1856, and settled at Fruitvale, where he bought two hundred and fifty acres of land. He engaged in mining for a time, but spent the greater part of his life on his Fruitvale ranch. He engaged in raising horses and in farming and was successful in his affairs. He was a typical pioneer of his day, having passed through all the experiences common to frontiersmen, including warfare with the Indians. The old Carroll mansion at Fruitvale was the first two-story house built in this locality.

Thomas Carroll attended the first public school built in Fruitvale and from boyhood assisted his father in the management and operation of the home place. A real pioneer, strong in body and alert mentally, he took upon himself his full share of the work and also enjoyed the sports of the community. From young manhood he showed considerable athletic prowess, possessing a splendid physique, and in the course of time gained national repute for his achievements. At one time he held



the world's record as a weight thrower and in the contests at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition took third place as a strong man. As an international athlete, he visited England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia and other foreign countries, where his performances excited much interest. Today, though seventy-five years old, Mr. Carroll is still erect in carriage and active in his movements, retaining his physical vigor to a remarkable degree.

For ten years Mr. Carroll conducted a large dairy here and met with fair success, but during the past thirty years he filled the position of constable of Brooklyn township, which is undoubtedly a record period of service for a peace officer in this state. He has faithfully and capably performed his duties and has at all times commanded the respect of his fellowmen.

Mr. Carroll married Miss Minnie Dean, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is now deceased. To them were born three children, Thomas Duncan, a well known evangelist, Wallace and Harry Mitchell. Mr. Carroll is a great lover of outdoor life and enjoys an occasional hunting trip. He has a "den" and curio shop on two and a half acres of the old home place, in which he keeps a collection of pistols and rifles used in former days, some of them having been used several generations ago, and he is justly proud of this collection, which possesses considerable value, as well as interest. Mr. Carroll is quiet and unobtrusive in manner but possesses a strong character, and among his acquaintances is held in high regard.

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### JOSEPH THIELE

Joseph Thiele, who is conducting a successful poultry farm near Hayward, deserves great credit for what he has accomplished here, his success being due entirely to his determined and tireless efforts along scientific lines. Mr. Thiele was born in Bohemia on the 27th of April, 1894, and when about ten years of age accompanied his parents to San Francisco, California, where he attended the grammar schools. He was then apprenticed to learn the trade of a coppersmith in the plant of August Shafer, at Sixth and Briant streets. Later he went to San Bruno, San Mateo county, where he worked as a cowboy on the Jersey farm, afterwards entering the employ of Miller & Lux, for whom he rode the range on their ranch at Los Banos, Merced county. Later he rode the ranges in Nevada and Oregon and on his return to California worked on the Spreckels ranch at Soledad, Monterey county, where he served as field boss for three years. Going then to Taft, Kern county, he worked for the Standard Oil Company, and was later with the same company at Coalinga, Fresno county. In 1920 he bought his present place in the hills back of Hayward, where he has developed a fine poultry farm. He keeps White Leghorn chickens, brooding and raising about twelve thousand a year. He sells the pullets when three months old and, all being pure bred stock, he receives a dollar each for them. He has two thousand laying hens and at times has had eight thousand chicks one week old. He thoroughly understands his work and is meeting with well merited prosperity.

Mr. Thiele was married to Miss Eleanor Cummings, a native daughter of San Francisco, and they have two children, Claire and Harold. Mr. Thiele is a member

of all branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the Hayward Poultry Breeders Association and the Alameda County Farm Bureau. He displays a high type of business ability in his affairs, is scrupulously honest in all of his relations and among his acquaintances commands confidence and respect.

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### JOHN METZLER CARR

John M. Carr, who, after a long and active career, has now retired from business, is one of the earliest pioneers of the Fruitvale district of Oakland and has been an interested spectator of the wonderful development of that locality. He was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, January 13, 1852, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (McCully) Carr, the former of whom was a native of Scotland. Both parents have long since passed away.

John M. Carr left home at the tender age of eight years, since which time he has made his own way in the world. In early life he attended school and learned the trade of a blacksmith. When twenty-two years old he went to Boston, Massachusetts, in which city he resided five years, and in 1874 came to the Pacific coast, locating first in San Francisco. Two years later he went to Menlo Park, this state, and after two years there he came to Oakland, locating in what is known as Fruitvale, where he engaged in the dairy business. At that time he pastured his cattle where now stands the solidly built business district of that place and on the site of many of the finest residences. He continued in the dairy business for forty years, enjoying a large patronage, for he sold good milk and gave prompt and efficient service, and met with a very gratifying financial success. He has now retired and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Saunders.

Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Alice Maude O'Brien, also a native of Nova Scotia, who died in December, 1916, at the age of fifty-four years. To them were born four children: Mrs. Lottie Saunders; Roy A., who died when twenty years old; Alfred J., who lives in Moraga Valley; and Greta, the wife of August Cramm, a civil engineer for the Western Pacific Railroad. There are also seven grandchildren.

Mr. Carr gives his political support to the republican party. Despite his age he is still very active and devotes his attention to the management of his property interests, having made good investments in his section of the city. A man of kindly and hospitable nature, he is widely known and throughout the range of his acquaintance he is held in the very highest esteem.

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### JOHN T. STANTON

John T. Stanton has long been a prominent figure in ranching and business circles of the Castro valley and is now holding the office of deputy county assessor of Eden township. He is a man of sound judgment in practical affairs and has shown himself well worthy of the confidence of his fellowmen.

Mr. Stanton was born in San Jose, California, on the 21st of May, 1871, and is a son of Michael and Mary (O'Donnell) Stanton, both of whom were natives of Ireland. His father came to the United States in young manhood and became a member of the firm of Strowbridge, Stanton & Harris, railroad contractors. He was successful in his business affairs and bought five hundred acres of land, located on the Castro Valley highway, at Castro Valley, and lived there during the remainder of his life. He made many substantial improvements on the place. He died in 1881 at the age of fifty-two years. His wife came to this country in young womanhood, and their marriage took place at San Jose. Mr. Stanton was a democrat in his political views and served as a member of the board of school trustees.

John T. Stanton spent his boyhood on his father's ranch and secured his educational training in the public schools and Hayward Academy. Thereafter he gave his attention to the management of the ranch, which was later subdivided and the greater part of it sold. In 1904 he embarked in the real estate business in Hayward, in which he was successful, handling a large amount of town and country property. He has also given some attention to chicken raising on his home place, which business he has found to be a profitable enterprise, and in all of his affairs has exercised excellent judgment.

In 1905 Mr. Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Anita L. Gowen, who was born and reared in San Jose, California, a daughter of N. H. and Dora (Campbell) Gowen, who were numbered among the first settlers in that locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanton has been born a daughter, Anita M.

Mr. Stanton gives his support to the republican party and has always evinced a deep interest in local public affairs. About ten years ago he was appointed and rendered effective service as inspector of highways and on November 25, 1926, was appointed deputy assessor of Eden township, in which position he is still serving. He is clerk of the school board and is active in Boy Scout work and is a commissioner of the newly formed Castro Valley fire protection district and was one of the organizers of the Castro Valley Improvement Club. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Woodmen of the World. His career has been characterized by a strict observance of the highest business ethics, and in all of his relations with his fellowmen he has been honorable and square, for which reason he today commands the unqualified respect of all who know him and is regarded as one of his community's reliable citizens.

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### PETER CRESTETTO

To Peter Crestetto is due the inauguration of the salami manufacturing industry in Oakland, and the success which has crowned his efforts is the direct result of his energy, persistence and good business judgment. A native of Italy, born on the 8th of September, 1881, he is a son of Dominico and Mary Crestetto. His father had come to California during the days of the historic gold rush, in which he met with fair success, and then returned to Italy, where he engaged in the lumber business, later turning his attention to farming.

Peter Crestetto received a good education in the public schools of his native

land and learned the trade of butchering. When twenty-three years of age, he came to the United States, locating in San Francisco, California, where he worked for his brother, remaining in that city until the earthquake of 1906, when he came to Oakland and, with the small capital which he possessed, started the first salami factory in this city. His first week's production was about fifty pounds, but he found ready sale for his product, which has steadily increased in volume until now the factory is producing fourteen thousand pounds a week. The California Salami Factory, under which name the business is conducted, is a partnership concern, Mr. Crestetto being the senior member of the firm. They employ eleven persons in the factory, which is sanitary in every respect and is equipped with modern machinery.

Mr. Crestetto was united in marriage to Miss Esther Viclio, who was born and reared in this state and whose father, E. Viclio, was one of the early and prominent bakers of San Francisco, where he was in business for many years. Immediately following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco in 1906 he furnished bread free to the victims of the disaster, for which generous act he was commended by the United States government. Mr. and Mrs. Crestetto have two children, Ernestine and Norma. Mr. Crestetto gives his political support to the republican party, while fraternally he is a member of a Masonic Lodge in San Francisco and a life member of Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Foresters of America. Since coming to Oakland, he has manifested helpful interest in the welfare of the community, cooperating in all movements for the advancement and progress of the city, and, because of his business success and his sterling qualities of character, he commands the uniform respect of his fellowmen.

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### DAN MARSHALL

Dan Marshall, who has for a number of years owned and operated the Foothill Service Station, at Estudillo avenue and Foothill boulevard, San Leandro, is one of the best known and most popular residents of Alameda county and, because of his progressive methods and square dealing, has built up a large and prosperous business.

Mr. Marshall was born in San Lorenzo, this county, on the 5th of October, 1877, and is a son of Joseph and Mary Anna Marshall, both of whom were born in the Azores islands. On coming to this country, they first located in the east, where they were married, but they came to California at an early day, settling in San Leandro during the pioneer history of that place. There they spent their remaining years, the mother dying when seventy years of age and the father at the remarkable age of one hundred and two years.

Dan Marshall spent his boyhood under the paternal roof and secured his education in the public schools. Since attaining mature years he has always been in business for himself, excepting for a period of five years when he was employed as foreman in the yards of the Best Tractor Company at San Leandro. He engaged in the grocery business at Fruitvale for several years, after which he turned his

efforts to the wholesale fruit and vegetable commission business, with headquarters at 1027 Harris street, Oakland. While in that business he formed a wide acquaintance with the fruit raisers, gardeners and farmers all over the county, an acquaintance which in later years has been greatly to his advantage, as many of the patrons of his present establishment come far out of their way in order to give him their business. The Foothill Service Station, which now requires his entire time and attention, has proven a very successful enterprise, due to the painstaking care which he gives to the wants of his customers. He carries Standard, Richfield and Shell oil and gas, gives free crank-case service, carries a large line of tires, tubes and accessories, and in connection with the station operates a neat and well equipped refreshment stand for the convenience of the traveling public. Courteous, pleasant and accommodating, Mr. Marshall has made many warm friends among his patrons, and his business is showing a steady and satisfactory increase.

In 1910, at San Leandro, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Matoza, a member of one of San Leandro's early families, and they are the parents of four children, Evelyn, Harold, William and Elsie.

Mr. Marshall is a member of the I. D. E. S. He stands for all those things which tend to better living conditions and advance the public welfare and is regarded as one of the up-to-date and public-spirited citizens of his section of the county, well worthy of the confidence and respect which are accorded him by his fellowmen.

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### THOMAS H. LLOYD

The life history of Thomas H. Lloyd, of Oakland, presents a record of early years of hard labor and determined efforts, eventually crowned with a gratifying measure of success, and now, as secretary of the Oakland Garage, Inc., he stands among the leading business men of this city. Mr. Lloyd was born in Wales, September 11, 1887, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Roberts) Lloyd. In 1888, when he was about a year old, the family came to the United States, locating in Oakland, where the father's death occurred soon afterwards. His mother is still living in this city.

Thomas H. Lloyd was given the advantage of a good public school education, graduating from the Polytechnic high school in 1904, after which he worked at various occupations. As a blacksmith's helper he worked fourteen hours a day for two years. He then worked in an automobile shop, where he became familiar with automobile mechanics and repairing. Leaving that place, he entered his brother's harness shop, where he spent about six months, after which he went to Honolulu. On his return to Oakland, he went to work in the Imperial garage, with which he was connected until 1916, when he joined his brother, John E., and established a small garage at 1425 Alice street. Here they had a hard time getting things started, but, with a firm belief in their ultimate success, they stuck to it and their faith has been abundantly rewarded, as is evidenced by the extensive business which they now command in one of the finest garage buildings in this part of the state. The business is incorporated as the Oakland Garage, with John E. Lloyd as president and Thomas H. Lloyd as secretary. They display sound judgment in all of their

affairs and have well earned the prosperity which is now theirs. In 1923 H. C. Broderick became a member of the firm.

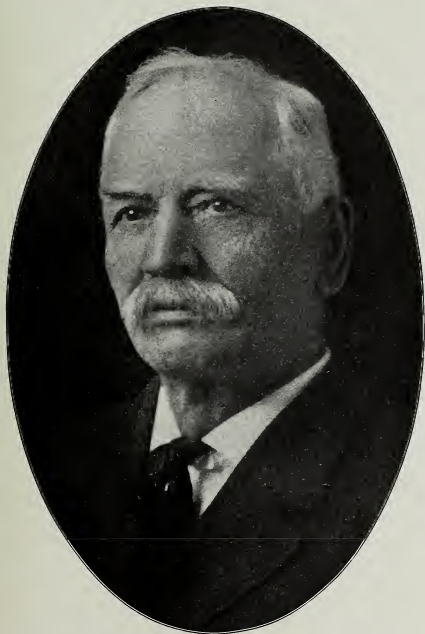
Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage to Miss Lois B. Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of a son, David Wilson. Mr. Lloyd gives his political support to the republican party, while fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is governor of the Optimist Club and a member of the Oak Knoll Golf Club. He is a strong and persistent booster for Oakland, supports every measure for the promotion of the city's best interests along material, civic or moral lines, and commands to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### MELVIN C. CHAPMAN

The consensus of public opinion places Melvin C. Chapman as one of the most distinguished citizens of Oakland, where he has resided for more than a half century, during forty-five years of which he has been engaged in the practice of law. That he is one of the most eminent members of the California bar is indicated in the high opinion entertained for him by his fellow members of the profession who for the past eighteen years have honored him with the presidency of the Alameda County Bar Association. Mr. Chapman comes to the Pacific coast from Illinois, his birth having occurred in Westfield, Bureau county, that state, on the 5th of September, 1850. In the paternal line he traces his ancestry back to Robert Chapman, a native of England, who came to the colonies in 1637 and was one of the original settlers of Saybrook, Connecticut, occupying a home there that is still in the possession of his descendants. Members of the family participated in the war of the Revolution, the War of 1812 and in the Civil war. The parents of Melvin C. Chapman were Charles de Grasse and Cynthia (Palmer) Chapman, the latter, like her husband, being a representative of a family long established in this country.

Melvin C. Chapman was but five years of age when in 1855 his parents removed from Westfield, Illinois, to Chicago, where he acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, while later he entered Onorga Seminary and was graduated in 1868. A year later he arrived in California and soon afterward established a real estate business in San Francisco, where he remained until 1876, when he came to Oakland. For five years thereafter he continued in the real estate business in this city and then disposed of his interests along that line in order to take up the study of law. Following his admission to the bar he formed a partnership with Roscoe Havens, but after eight months this association was discontinued and Mr. Chapman practiced alone until June, 1910, when he was joined by E. E. Trefethen in a partnership that has since been maintained. They have offices in the Oakland Bank building and are accorded an extensive clientele. For a half century Mr. Chapman has been a representative of the Oakland bar, honored by reason of his capability and his close conformity to the highest ethical standards of the profession. He has always prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care, is clear in his reasoning, logical in his deductions and forceful in the presen-



MELVIN C. CHAPMAN





tation of a cause. No higher testimonial of the respect and esteem entertained for him by members of the legal fraternity could be given than the fact that he has been elected eighteen times to the presidency of the Alameda County Bar Association. He was formerly president of the Tribune Publishing Company and in many ways has been identified with those enterprises and movements which have been of inestimable benefit to the community.

An outstanding factor in the life record of Melvin C. Chapman was his service as mayor of the city. Elected to the office, he gave to Oakland an administration that was characterized by notable progress and improvement. Its beautiful water park will ever be a monument to his progressiveness and his public spirit. Constantly alert to opportunities for adding to the beauty of Oakland, he conceived the idea of securing this park for the city and used his personal and official influence in securing a deed from the Oakland Water Front Company. It was largely his persuasive force with Leland Stanford and the late Mr. Huntington that brought about the transfer to Oakland of the beautiful Lake Merritt, now a celebrated water park and one of the most attractive districts of the city or the East Bay region, the estimated value of this property being more than one million dollars. The work of developing this property was carried on under the direction of Mayor Chapman and his fellow townsmen owe to him a debt of gratitude for what he has accomplished in this connection. Again his public service reached a high point of efficiency when in 1887 he became a member of the state legislature, giving his support, as always, to every measure that made for progress, development and improvement.

On the 21st of December, 1887, in Oakland, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Childs, who has passed away. Their son, Melvin C. Jr., is now practicing law in connection with his father as a partner in the firm of Chapman, Trefethen & Chapman.

Melvin C. Chapman has passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey but is still a most active factor in the world's work, being found at his office every day attending to his professional duties, which are both extensive and important in character. His life has ever been purposeful and his activities resultant. The same qualities which have made him a notably successful member of the bar have led to achievement in the field of public activity and Oakland has reason to point with pride to him as one of her representative men.

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#### EVERETT J. BROWN

Judge Everett J. Brown, who ranks among the capable, influential and successful members of the bar of Alameda county, has had an excellent professional record, marked not only by unusual achievement as a practitioner, but also by able and worthy service as a jurist, and today no member of his profession in the East Bay district is held in higher regard. Judge Brown was born on the 14th of December, 1876, and is a son of John W. and Matilda (Delger) Brown. He received his early education in the public schools of Oakland, graduating from high school in 1894, and then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated

with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1898. Having long entertained an ambition to devote his life to the legal profession, he entered the Hastings College of Law, in San Francisco, affiliated with the State University, and supplemented his work there by active experience in the offices of Hon. Victor H. Metcalf, with whom he remained until the latter became a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet. In 1901 he was admitted to the bar and immediately opened an office in Oakland. His ability and energy quickly gained him recognition and he attracted attention by his earnestness, skill and resourcefulness. In 1903 he was appointed deputy district attorney of Alameda county, and during his term his service was so effective and satisfactory that he was then made the republican nominee for the office of district attorney and was elected by a flattering majority. He served about two years of his term, exhibiting marked ability and a comprehensive knowledge of law, so that he was nominated and elected to the superior bench of Alameda county, being at that time but thirty-three years of age. As a jurist he proved able, fearless and eminently fair, his record enhancing his already enviable reputation for conscientious devotion to duty and firmness. After several years of worthy service on the bench, Judge Brown resigned and resumed the private practice of his profession, in which he has met with distinctive success, and is enjoying a large and lucrative practice, having his offices in the Central Bank building. Alert, vigorous and skillful, he has a professional record that has attracted wide attention and commands not only the respect of his colleagues, but also the confidence and esteem of the public.

In 1905, in Oakland, Judge Brown was united in marriage to Miss Winifred L. Osborne, and they are the parents of three children, Winifred, Everett and Jean. The Judge is the scion of worthy ancestors, his mother having for many years been a leader in the social and civic affairs of her community, devoting her efforts to benevolent and philanthropic affairs and serving a number of years as president of the King's Daughters Home. The Judge is a man of progressive and constructive tendencies and his interest in the welfare and advancement of his home city has prompted him to give his active support to every measure for the betterment of the community. Cordial and unaffected in manner, he not only has a wide acquaintance but also commands the friendship and good will of all who have come into contact with him.

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#### REV. ALFRED DE SOUSA

Rev. Alfred de Sousa, who has served continuously since 1913 as pastor of the Church of the Holy Ghost, at Centerville, is one of the devoted and able clergymen of Alameda county, and is entitled to mention among those whose efforts have been directed to the betterment and uplift of humanity. Father de Sousa was born in Flores, in the Azores islands, October 22, 1872, and, after attending the public schools, completed his education in Angra City College, in which he was ordained to the priesthood in 1896. In 1899 he came to the United States and was appointed assistant pastor at Mission San Jose, California, later serving in the same capacity at the San Leandro church. His next appointment was as pastor at Atwater, where he built a new church and parish house, and from there he went to Petaluma and

Cotati, where he served in the pastorate until 1913, when he came to the Church of the Holy Ghost, at Centerville. This parish was founded in 1886 by Rev. Domingo Governo, who had charge of the church to the time of his death, in 1913, and thus this parish has had but two pastors during its entire history of forty-two years. Father de Sousa has done splendid work at Centerville, including the erection of a new church, of stately Roman architectural style, and a new parish house and hall. The membership of the church is largely of Portuguese nativity or descent. There is a Holy Name Society and a Holy Ghost Brotherhood, and all departments of the church are functioning in a very satisfactory manner. Father de Sousa is a strong preacher, a devoted pastor and a public-spirited citizen of his community, giving his support to all measures for the advancement of public welfare, and for these reasons, as well as for his splendid personal qualities, he commands the respect and good will of all who know him, regardless of creed or profession.

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### GEORGE C. VIERRA

The Vierra brothers, near San Lorenzo, are numbered among Alameda county's most progressive, energetic and prosperous farmers, having showed excellent judgment in the management of their affairs. A. J. and George C. Vierra were born, respectively, on the 19th of January, 1892, and the 10th of March, 1902, and are sons of Anton J. and Rose Vierra. The father was born at Fayol, Azores islands, from which country he came to Alameda county many years ago, and here engaged in farming, following that line of work to the time of his death, which occurred about two years ago, when he was seventy-one years of age. The mother, who was born and reared at Hayward, Alameda county, died in 1904, at the age of thirty-six years. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters.

A. J. and George C. Vierra were reared in the parental home and secured their education in the public schools, since which time they have devoted their efforts to farming, gardening and fruit raising. George C. owns five acres of splendid land on East Fourteenth street, near San Lorenzo, which he has planted to Royal Ann and Black Tarlarian cherries, which are now in full bearing and producing bountiful crops. A. J. owns ten acres on Washington avenue, near San Lorenzo, on which he has built a neat and attractive bungalow. The brothers also jointly own four acres of choice land, recently purchased from J. P. Marlin, of San Lorenzo, and they are renting two hundred and fifty acres of land from the Stenzel Estate Company, Inc., located about one and three-quarter miles south of San Leandro, this being one of the best farms in this section of the county. For the proper cultivation of this land they are fully equipped with horses, tractor, plows, cultivators, sprayers and other machinery and implements necessary to its proper handling, and, being experienced in their line of work, they are realizing a splendid success in their operations. They grow corn, cucumbers for pickling, tomatoes, peas, rhubarb and pears in large quantities and of a quality that finds ready sale in the market. They have worked hard and persistently for success and are now realizing it in large measure.

A. J. Vierra was married to Miss Caroline Oliver, of Walnut Grove, Contra

Costa county. George C. Vierra was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Simus, who was born and reared in San Leandro, and they are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Jane. They reside in the old town hall in San Lorenzo, where they are very comfortably situated, and in their home the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is always in evidence, so that it is a favorite stopping place for their many friends. Mr. Vierra is a member of the Woodmen of the World and throughout the community in which he has spent his life, and where he enjoys a wide acquaintance, he is held in high regard and enjoys well deserved popularity. He gives his support to all measures for the promotion of the public welfare and is regarded as a man of earnest purpose and right principles, well deserving the prosperity which is now his.

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### LOUIS BURGELIN

Louis Burgelin, the builder, owner and proprietor of the Eureka Meat Market at 1226 Market street, Oakland, enjoys the distinction of having been engaged in the retail meat business longer than any other dealer in the city, having established his business here fifty-four years ago. He was born in Germany on the 24th of February, 1849, and is a son of John and Johannah (Zollin) Burgelin. His father and grandfather were engaged in the butcher business, as were representatives of other generations of the family before them. The father died in Germany, after which the mother came to America and located in Rochester, New York, where a son lived, and there her death occurred.

Louis Burgelin attended the public schools of his native land and when sixteen years of age came to the United States, joining his brother in Rochester, New York, where he remained four years. In 1871 he came to Oakland, California, and for about one year and a half was employed in a slaughter house in East Oakland. He then entered the Oakland meat market, where he worked until 1874, when he embarked in the meat business on his own account. This proved a successful venture and two years later he erected the building which he now occupies, at 1226 Market street. He has always taken pride in carrying only the very best quality of meat, and his courtesy and accommodation have been appreciated by his customers, many of whom have patronized him for many years.

In 1874 Mr. Burgelin was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Stark, also a native of Germany, and they became the parents of six children, of whom two are deceased: Louis, Jr., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years, and Edwin, who died at the age of seventeen. Those living are as follows: Otto is a resident of Vallejo, and works in the Mare Island Navy Yard. He married Frances Brosnahan and has three children, Ruth, Louis and Charles. Walter, who enlisted during the World war and served eighteen months at Camp Lewis and Fort Worden, is now employed with his father in the Eureka Meat Market. He married Addie Kirkman and resides in Oakland. They have two children, Marion and Margaret, twins, now five years of age. Annie is the wife of Henry Mohr, proprietor of the Railroad Meat Market at Tenth and Kirkham streets, Oakland. Lillie is the wife of B. T. Schullerts, owner and proprietor of the B. T. Schullerts Plumbing shop in Berkeley. The mother of these children died in December, 1927,

and her death was greatly regretted throughout the community, for she was a woman of many fine qualities of character, kindly and gracious in manner, and was endeared to all who knew her. There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family. On Washington's birthday, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Burgelin celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. Burgelin is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Sons of Herman. Because of his sterling character and friendly manner, he is held in high regard and has a host of warm and loyal friends.

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### JOHN G. RUPPRICHT

Among the honored and respected citizens of Hayward who, having performed well their part in life and, having finished their labors, have passed to their eternal reward, one of the best remembered is the late John G. Ruppricht, who held a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen and was regarded as one of the best citizens of his community.

Mr. Ruppricht was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 30th of October, 1833, and was a son of George and Marie Ruppricht. He attended the public schools of his home neighborhood and in young manhood emigrated to the United States, going direct to Columbus, Ohio, where he had a sister living. In the public schools of that city he completed his education and later became a bookkeeper in the office of a canal company. He came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama and located at Dutch Flats, Placer county, where he did the first hydraulic mining in that locality. During that period he also owned and operated a sawmill. After remaining there a number of years, he came to Alameda county and lived retired. Selling his business, he went back to Germany, with his wife and children, and after a pleasant visit amid the scenes of his boyhood, returned to this country. For awhile he visited his sister in Columbus, Ohio, and then came back to Hayward, where he bought four different properties, three of which he still owned at the time of his death, which occurred at the Franklin Hospital in San Francisco in 1905, when he was seventy-two years of age. On one of his properties, consisting of eighteen acres on B street, Hayward, his daughter, Mrs. Diete, is now living. This place is well improved and is largely devoted to fruit raising, mainly cherries, apricots, pears and plums.

Mr. Ruppricht was married in San Francisco to Miss Hermine Witte, who was born in Salzgitter, Germany, from which country she came to the United States early in life with friends and located in San Francisco, where she lived up to the time of her marriage. She passed away in Hayward in 1904 at the age of fifty-six years. To this union were born four children. John B. was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and is now deceased. Charles is also deceased. Minnie was married in San Francisco to Dr. Thomas C. Diete, a native of Germany, who was graduated in medicine from the University of Berlin, and on coming to this country located in San Francisco, where he practiced medicine, later removing to Alameda county. He enlisted in the Spanish-American war and was in China during the Boxer uprising. There he was taken sick. On his return to this country he located

at Hayward. To him and his wife were born two children, Carol and Elsie. Elsie, the fourth child in the Ruppricht family, is the wife of John Viehmeier, of Auburn, Placer county, California.

Mr. Ruppricht gave his political support to the democratic party and while living in Placer county served as deputy sheriff. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious connection was with the Presbyterian church, to which he gave generous support, as he did also to all worthy benevolent causes. He was a man of kindly and hospitable disposition, cordial and friendly in manner, of sterling integrity and industrious habits, and throughout the communities in which he lived he commanded to a marked degree the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOHN HENRY GANSBERGER

John Henry Gansberger, of Mt. Eden, is numbered among the successful farmers and orchardists of Alameda county, and is also regarded as one of its progressive and enterprising citizens, commanding the respect of the entire community in which he lives. Born in Hanover, Germany, on the 2d of November, 1856, he is a son of John Henry and Sophia Gansberger, also natives of that country. The father engaged in farming there until August, 1866, when he emigrated to this country, coming direct to Alameda county. He settled at San Lorenzo, where he rented a tract of land, on which he farmed until his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of forty-eight years. He was survived a number of years by his widow, who passed away in 1891, at the age of fifty-six years.

John H. Gansberger, Jr., was about ten years of age when the family came to Alameda county and here he secured his education in the public schools. He followed the occupation of farming until 1883, when he moved to Mt. Eden and leased the Armstrong ranch of forty acres, operating that place until 1890, when he bought his present ranch of thirty acres, one-half of which was planted to apricots, the remainder to pears. He erected a new set of buildings and made other substantial improvements on the place, making of it a very comfortable and attractive country home. In 1913 he bought two hundred and twenty acres of land in Palamores's canyon, formerly known as the Quigley ranch, having been owned by Mr. Gansberger's father-in-law, James Quigley. He is also a director of the Bank of Hayward.

In 1887 Mr. Gansberger was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Quigley, who was born in San Leandro, Alameda county, and is a daughter of James and Bridget (Gibney) Quigley. Her father was born in county Donegal, Ireland, May 11, 1823. In May, 1848, when twenty-five years old, he emigrated to America, locating at St. Johns, New Brunswick. Almost immediately afterward he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was employed at various occupations for seven years. Starting for the Pacific coast in 1854, he sailed by way of the isthmus of Panama, arriving in San Francisco in December of that year. Going to Sierra county, he worked there as a miner from January, 1856, until the following May, when he came to Alameda county and in the fall of 1857 rented land in San

Leandro and began farming. At the end of two years he sold out and bought a ranch of one hundred and five acres at San Lorenzo, where he made his home for many years, his death occurring February 7, 1914, at the age of ninety years. In 1860 Mr. Quigley was married to Miss Bridget Gibney, who was born in Ireland and came to this country in 1850. She died at the home place in San Lorenzo in February, 1894. To them were born six children, namely: Mrs. Margaret Gansberger; Mrs. Frank Nugent, of Oakland; James; Henry; and Edward and John, both of whom are deceased.

Mr. Gansberger gives his support to the republican party, has long served as road supervisor and was also a member of the board of school trustees. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, while Mrs. Gansberger is a member of the Women of Woodcraft. Mr. Gansberger owes his success not to any particularly fortuitous circumstances, but solely to his determined and tireless efforts, backed by sound judgment, and throughout the community where he lives he is regarded as a dependable and public-spirited citizen, worthy of the confidence which is reposed in him by his fellowmen.

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### JOSEPH MALNICK

Joseph Malnick, through progressive methods and square dealing, has gained well merited prosperity and a place among the progressive and enterprising business men of Oakland, among the people of which city he is held in high regard. Mr. Malnick was born in Warsaw, Poland, December 14, 1874, and is a son of Abraham and Anna Malnick, who were lifelong residents of Poland. He was educated in private schools in that country and when nineteen years of age went to England, where for many years he was employed as traveling salesman for a large wholesale hardware and crockery house. He resided in Kent and became intimately acquainted with every part of that country. In 1907 he came to the United States, locating in San Francisco, where he opened a ladies' wear store, which he conducted for ten years. He was successful and in 1916, sensing the future growth of the Fruitvale district of Oakland, he came here and bought Mrs. Strangle's store, the oldest ladies' wear business in this locality. It was but a modest little shop, but increasing business has necessitated its enlargement from time to time, until today Mr. Malnick occupies a room seventy-five by ninety feet in size, modern in its arrangement and furnishings and with a fine display front. The business is run under the name of the Fruitvale Toggery and he carries a large and well selected line of everything in ladies' wear. He is assisted in the business by his wife and sons and there are also eight employes. Courtesy and efficiency characterize the service of the store, for Mr. Malnick believes that satisfied customers are his best advertisers, and he is enjoying a large and steadily increasing business, which promises well for the future.

Mr. Malnick was married to Miss Fannie Horwitz, also a native of Poland, and they are the parents of two sons, Irvin, who is a student in Leland Stanford University, and Morris, who is in the store. Mr. Malnick gives his political support to the republican party and has at all times proven a loyal and patriotic citizen of



his adopted country. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Kiwanis Club and the Independent Order of Bnai B'rith. He is greatly interested in the welfare of Oakland and is ready at all times to cooperate with his fellow citizens in efforts to promote its progress and development. Because of his sterling character, his business success and his kindly and affable manner, he has won the respect of his fellowmen and the good will of all who have dealt with him.

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### FRED L. BUTTON

An attorney of high standing, Fred L. Button practiced continuously in Oakland for more than forty years, using his legal acumen for the benefit of the city as well as for his own aggrandizement, and he also contributed toward the cultural development of the community through his accomplishments as a musician. He was born March 10, 1856, in Pontiac, Michigan, and in 1863 came with his parents to Oakland, where he has since resided.

After completing his grammar school course Mr. Button attended the McClure Academy and the College School. For a few months he worked in the printing office of the Oakland Transcript, learning to set type, and in 1869 he entered the first class of the local high school. In 1876 he was graduated from the University of California and was awarded the university medal and also a prize for the best scientific thesis. For two years he was an instructor in mathematics at the university and then took up the study of law in the office of Henry Vrooman and W. R. Davis, at that time a leading Oakland firm. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar but remained with Mr. Vrooman until 1881, when he began his independent professional career, and soon demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricacies of the law. Mr. Button was an able advocate as well as a wise counselor and handled much important litigation, winning a large percentage of his cases, for he never entered the courtroom without preparation as thorough as time and means rendered possible. He continued in active practice up to the time of his death. As secretary of the board of freeholders he aided in drafting the new city charter and under the direction of the councilmen of Oakland he often revised the city ordinances. He twice codified and annotated for publication the ordinances and city charter and was always ready to serve the municipality to the extent of his ability. His knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence was comprehensive and exact, and in 1895 he revised for publication the standard law textbook, "Harlow on Sheriffs." In 1896 he was nominated for the office of city attorney but declined the honor, which came to him unsolicited.

Mr. Button was married in 1885 to Mrs. Emma Haas, a daughter of Captain Johland, of Napa, California, who was a sea captain and an early resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He sailed around the Horn and made his home in Napa, where his brother had previously located. To Mr. and Mrs. Button were born two daughters: Mrs. H. A. Merrill, a resident of Oakland; and Mrs. Dan H. Knox, of Alameda. By her former marriage Mrs. Button has a daughter, Mrs. N. T. Luning, of Oakland. She has two grandchildren, David H. and Fred E. Merrill. She is still residing at the old home at 590 Thirty-fourth street, Oakland.





*Fred L. Burton*



In politics Mr. Button was a staunch republican and November 5, 1899, was unanimously appointed a school director to fill a vacancy. He was elected for the following term and while serving on the high school committee was largely instrumental in reorganizing and improving the personnel of the teaching force. A Mason in high standing, he was chosen master of Oakland Lodge, No. 188, F. & A. M., in 1889 and also belonged to the local chapter, council and commandery, to Oakland Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite Consistory, and to Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His membership relations likewise extend to the Eastern Star and in 1890 he was made grand patron of the order.

At an early age Mr. Button showed evidences of musical talent, which was fully developed. In 1870, when a boy of fourteen, he sang in the May Festival at San Francisco and later was a member of the choir of St. Paul's church and also of the Independent church, of which the Rev. Hamilton was then pastor. For several years he was a director and in 1880 was elected president of the original Orpheus Society, which at that time was a choral club of mixed voices, led by the late W. J. Macdougall. In youth he began the study of the flute and readily mastered that difficult instrument. For years he played in the Shrine, Templar and Bohemian Bands of San Francisco and Oakland, and in 1925 was one of the organizers of the California Flutists Guild of Oakland, of which he was made secretary. A patron of the opera, Mr. Button had a collection of opera programs dating from his college days, and these were carefully preserved in his scrapbook. As a youth he became interested in conchology, which was his father's hobby, and in the course of a half century the family accumulated one of the largest and finest private collections of shells in this country. In later years he took an interest in the radio, giving a number of talks over the same on various subjects. He enjoyed travel, scenery, art and music, was just getting ready to enjoy life with his family when he was called away.

In 1920 Mr. Button was one of the founders of the Oakland Pioneers Society and served as its president up to the time of his death, which occurred October 2, 1927, when he was seventy-one years of age. With deep interest he watched the development of Oakland and had an intimate knowledge of matters pertaining to its history. His activities touched life at many points, and judged from the standpoint of service, his was a notably successful career.

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## DOMINICAN SISTERS

Among the religious educational orders in Alameda county, one of the most worthy is that of the Dominican Sisters, at Mission San Jose, whose two-fold purpose is that of teaching and the training of teachers. The order has been established here for many years and the splendid work done has been a blessing to the community and an honor to the cause which it represents. The Dominican Sisters Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, the mother house of which is located at Mission San Jose, is an offshoot of the Convent of the Holy Cross, of Brooklyn, New York. On November 11, 1876, Sister Pia, Sister Amanda and Sister Salesia, of the Convent of the Holy Cross, arrived in San Francisco, Cali-

fornia, to take charge of St. Boniface School. In 1890 they founded the convent at Mission San Jose, the building being dedicated by the Most Rev. P. W. Riordan, Archbishop of California. Rev. Mother Pia was the local foundress and the first prioress general. The order prospered and in 1926 the Sisters celebrated the golden jubilee of the founding of the order, at which time a beautiful shrine was erected and dedicated in the grounds of the convent, in memory of its foundress. The establishment was originally a parochial school for boys and girls, but in 1904 the boys were transferred to the school at Ukiah, Mendocino county, and in 1908 the girls were transferred to St. Mary's of the Palms, at Mission San Jose, at which time the convent became a training school for teachers, for which purpose it is still being used. The graduates of this school become teachers in the different parochial schools, for which work they receive special preparation, and thus a high grade of instruction is assured for the schools. At present there are forty-six students enrolled in the convent, and there is a faculty of six instructors, who, in addition to their work in the training school, teach religion on Sundays in the various churches and missions of the valley. The work of the Dominican Sisters has long been regarded as of great importance in both of its phases and is a most valuable adjunct to the great work of the church in this territory.

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### ANTONIO BARDELLINI

A record of the pioneers of Alameda county must include the name of Antonio Bardellini, who for long years was actively connected with various enterprises in this county, his efforts contributing to the development and progress of the localities in which he lived. He was born August 17, 1833, in Lerchi, Italy, where he spent his early years. In young manhood he became a sailor and followed the sea for many years, during which period he visited most of the ports of the world. In 1850 he reached San Francisco, where he engaged in the fishing business for awhile, but later went to the gold mines. After several years thus spent, he went to Mexico and established a dry goods store, which he conducted for a short time, when he returned to California and engaged in gold mining in the canyons of the Sierras. Later he engaged in fishing for the San Jose market, but in 1858 opened a general merchandise store at Mission San Jose, where he remained for six years. His next location was at Alisal, now Pleasanton, where he opened the Rose Hotel, the first in that place, and now known as the Pleasanton Hotel. In 1869 Mr. Bardellini went to Laddsville, where he built a hotel, which he managed for four years, after which he bought a ranch and set out the first vineyard in that locality. His hotel was destroyed by fire in 1872 and he then devoted his attention to farming until 1874, when he sold the ranch and located on a property at the corner of First and L streets, in Livermore, which he had purchased sometime previously. There he built the Washington Hotel, the leading hotel of that place, and conducted it to the time of his death, which occurred on the 18th of August, 1883.

On October 20, 1862, in San Francisco, Mr. Bardellini was united in marriage to Miss Maria Lometti, a native of Italy. Of their ten children four are now living: Joseph B., Carrime J., Furrello J. and Emil A. Mr. Bardellini was a man of great

energy and persistence, was square in all of his dealings and during all the years of his life here he commanded the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellow-men, who appreciated his sterling character and his genial and friendly manner.

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### CHARLES H. HALE

No citizen of San Leandro possesses the unqualified confidence of the people to a greater degree than does Charles H. Hale, whose record here as a banker, covering a period of thirty-five years, has stamped him as a man of stanch integrity and as an able and successful business man, while his efforts and influence have also been directed to the development and progress of his community. He served for thirty-one years as cashier of the Bank of San Leandro and was for the past four years manager of its successor, the San Leandro Branch of the American Trust Company of California.

The Bank of San Leandro was established in 1893, starting with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, and opened its doors for business May 15, 1893, in the old frame building that stood on the present site of the splendid bank building which is now occupied by the institution, on the northeast corner of East Fourteenth street and Estudillo avenue. Its first officers were S. Huff, president; R. S. Farrelly, vice president; and Charles H. Hale, cashier; and its directors were S. Huff, R. S. Farrelly, T. P. Cary, Joseph Herrscher, Dr. G. Vivian, J. B. Mendonca and L. C. Moorehouse. This bank was very successful, and out of its profits there was organized, in 1910, the First National Bank of San Leandro, the two institutions being operated by the same officers. Mr. Huff was succeeded in the presidency by L. C. Moorehouse, after whom came Amzi B. Cary, who filled that position from 1915 to 1924. The present banking house was erected in 1914 by the two banks, both occupying the ground floor. In 1924 the Bank of San Leandro and the First National Bank were taken over by the American Trust Company of California, which is the outcome of the merger of two great San Francisco banks, the Mercantile Trust Company, founded in 1854, and The American Bank, founded in 1871, and which is one of the largest and strongest financial institutions on the Pacific coast, having total resources of nearly three hundred million dollars.

Charles H. Hale, who is of the illustrious Hale family of the east, was born at Pacheco, Contra Costa county, California, on the 11th of July, 1867, and is the second in order of birth of the three children of H. M. and Frances Elizabeth (Lyon) Hale. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Illinois, from which state she was brought across the plains in a covered wagon by her parents. She became one of the early school teachers of Contra Costa county. H. M. Hale came to the coast by way of the isthmus route and he and his brother, William M. Hale, established a general mercantile business at Pacheco, which was a thriving town in early days. In 1872, at Martinez, they opened the first bank in Contra Costa county, and it is still in existence, W. A. Hale, a cousin of Charles H. Hale, being its president. H. M. Hale was identified with the banking business there to the time of his death, which occurred in 1899. He is survived by his widow, who still lives at Martinez, being ninety years old in May, 1928.

Charles H. Hale attended the public and private schools in Contra Costa county, after which he took a course at Hopkins Academy, in Oakland. It was then that he first met Amzi B. Cary, a fellow student, an incident that led to a warm and lasting friendship. Mr. Hale entered his father's bank at Martinez, where he remained until 1882, and then became an employe of Yates & Company, dealers in paints and oils in San Francisco. With that firm he remained until 1892, and two years later came to San Leandro and became cashier of the Bank of San Leandro, which had just been organized. People generally were not accustomed to the use of banking privileges at that time and the process of building up a business of that kind was at first slow, but gradually business men realized the advantages of banking methods and the Bank of San Leandro enjoyed a very successful career, becoming one of the important factors in the commercial prosperity of this community.

In 1898, in San Leandro, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Marina Cummins, who was born near Lodi, California, and who attended the Oakland high school. Her family name is of Scotch origin, and it was at one time spelled Cumin, also sometimes Cummin. In the United States this has been further changed to Cummins and Cummings. The late Senator Cummins of Iowa was of this lineage, as is Congressman Cummins of New York state. There is also a branch of the family in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are the parents of one child, Henry M., who is now assistant sales manager for the Caterpillar Tractor Company, at Peoria, Illinois. Charles H. Hale is a republican in his political affiliation and is a member of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce. He is a man of clear vision and keen discrimination in business matters, possesses executive ability of a high order, and his achievements have given him a place among the leading bankers of Alameda county. Absolutely dependable in every relation of life and a man of splendid personality, he has long been regarded as one of the most useful and reliable citizens of San Leandro and commands the confidence of all who come in contact with him.

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### HENRY MEYER

For thirty-five years Henry Meyer has been numbered among the progressive and successful business men of the Elmhurst district of Oakland, of which locality he was a pioneer, and his prosperity is well merited, for he has in every way kept pace with the growth of that section of the city and has given his patrons a high type of service. Mr. Meyer was born in Germany August 3, 1869, a son of Claus and Geche (Purch) Meyer, both of whom are deceased, the mother having died when her son was but eight years of age.

Henry Meyer attended the grade schools in his native land and when seventeen years of age came to the United States. He did not speak or understand the English language and on arriving here began attending night school. For awhile he was employed in Spreckel's sugar refinery, but later obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, where he learned the details of the business. Afterward he was employed for awhile in the liquor business, working in the old Louvre in San Francisco. In 1893 he formed a partnership with a cousin, Claus Meyer, and engaged in the grocery business in the Elmhurst district, which at that time was

but sparsely settled, but gave promise of becoming one of the populous sections of the city. Their store was located at 9336 East Fourteenth street and a very gratifying measure of success attended their efforts, so that they continued the business there for twenty-nine years, or until the death of Claus Meyer, after which Mr. Meyer bought his cousin's interest. About 1922 the store was moved to the corner of Ninety-fourth avenue and East Fourteenth street, which property Mr. Meyer had acquired in the early years of his business career, and there he remained until the property was sold to the Bank of Italy, when he moved to 1424 Ninety-fourth avenue, where he is still located. He carries a large and well selected line of groceries, vegetables, fruits and grocers' sundries and by his prompt and courteous service he won and retains his full share of the local business in his line.

Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Amic Hamilton, who is a native of Ireland but has long been a resident of Oakland, where the marriage occurred. They are the parents of six children, namely: Annie, who is the wife of Daniel Brown; Alma and Henry, who are associated with their father in the grocery business; Lurline, who is employed in an insurance office in San Francisco; Marguerite and Charlie. There are also several grandchildren. Mr. Meyer is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Sons of Herman. He is a lover of outdoor life and is especially fond of motoring, having driven to New Jersey, during which trip he crossed twenty-five states and covered ten thousand miles. He has shown deep interest in the progress and welfare of his city and county and in every relation of life has proven well worthy of confidence and regard, while socially he is extremely popular among his associates and friends.

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### GUY MATTHEW TURNER

One of the most prominent figures in aviation circles of central California is Guy M. Turner, airport field superintendent at Oakland, whose record stamps him as a man of superior ability and efficiency in his chosen calling. Mr. Turner was born in New Albany, Indiana, on the 26th of December, 1890, and is a son of George and Elizabeth Turner, the former a pioneer glass blower. When Guy M. Turner was about six years of age both of his parents died and thereafter he was dependent largely upon his own resources. His education was mostly received in the school of experience, and on February 1, 1906, at the age of fifteen years, he enlisted in the United States Navy, in which he served twenty-one years and nine months. Entering as an ordinary seaman, he was advanced, because of his studious habits and close and intelligent attention to duty, to the rank of chief gunner's mate. Later he took a vocational course at the Great Lakes Aviation Mechanics School, where his rating was changed from chief gunner's mate to aviation chief machinist's mate. On May 26, 1927, he came to Oakland and was put in charge of the preparation of the runway for the planes which made the dash for the Hawaiian islands. Later, in a competitive examination for the superintendency of the airport, Mr. Turner received a marking of ninety-six per cent, the highest among the group who took the

examination, and was appointed to the position, which he is now holding, under the airport commission. This is now one of the finest airports in the country and is growing in importance, being now the western terminal for the coast-to-coast mail service. Mr. Turner takes pride in keeping the airport field and all of its service departments at the highest point of efficiency at all times and his record has gained for him the confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him.

Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Maye McDade, who was born in Montgomery, Alabama. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star, the National Aviation Association and the Civil Service Association of Oakland. He also belongs to the United States Naval Aviation Reserve. Aviation is his hobby and he is now in an admirable position to contribute to the success of the service, for which he has had thorough and practical training.

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### SAMUEL LEE

Samuel Lee, of Alameda, has gained an enviable reputation as a designer and builder of good homes, an evidence of which is the fact that he is never idle and that among his patrons have been many wealthy and discriminating people, who have been glad to avail themselves of his artistic taste as well as his technical ability as a builder. Mr. Lee was born in Greenwich, England, December 31, 1874, and is a son of Cornelius Marsh and Eliza Jane (Munn) Lee. The father brought his family to California in 1878, locating first in Pasadena, where he remained about a year, moving then to San Francisco. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and in the latter city opened a cabinet shop, in the operation of which his skill and workmanship won him a large patronage. He established his residence in Alameda and in the public schools of this city his son, Samuel, received his educational training. When fourteen years of age he started to learn the carpenter and cabinetmaker's trade, of every phase of which he gained thorough knowledge. In 1906 Mr. Lee formed a partnership with his eldest brother, Alfred C. Lee, and established a cabinet shop in San Francisco, later moving it to Alameda. At a subsequent period Mr. Lee was associated in business with Lemuel Richards, but since 1915 has operated alone. He was for two years engaged in the building and contracting business in Marin county, but since 1917 has had his headquarters in Alameda. He builds and sells fine homes, does a vast amount of cabinet work, installs store and office fixtures, and has done the finishing work on many of the best apartment houses and fine residences in Alameda. He built some very artistic homes in Fireside Park, Alameda, and has done a good deal of designing, being a man of original ideas, combined with an exact technical knowledge, and his work has been very favorably commented upon by competent judges. He has four nice homes in the Fernside district and one in the Thompson tract.

In 1911 Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss L. A. Salisbury, of Sutter county, California, and they are the parents of two children, Alton S. and Rosemary. Mr. Lee is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Alameda Rotary Club, and has a record of one hundred per cent attendance at the dinners



of the latter organization over a period of four years. He is exceedingly popular among his associates, being a man of genial and affable manner, while throughout his community he is regarded as a man well worthy of public confidence and esteem. He is very much interested in yachting and at one time built a sailing yacht called the Venus. He also sailed with his brother on the Frisco Bay.

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### CHARLES SPARWASSER

Standing in the front rank of the capable interior decorators of the East Bay district, Charles Sparwasser has long commanded a large business throughout this section of Alameda county, many of its finest homes containing evidences of the high quality of his work. Mr. Sparwasser was born in Germany on the 28th of January, 1872, and is a son of George and Julia (Meisner) Sparwasser, of whom the former was engaged in the tanning business, and both of whom are deceased.

Charles Sparwasser was educated in the public schools and a gymnasium in his native land and for a short time assisted his father in the tanning business. When sixteen years of age he emigrated to the United States, going direct to San Francisco, where he remained about one year, during which time he took advantage of every opportunity to master the English language. He then went to sea, following that pursuit until twenty-two years of age, when he came to Oakland and learned the trade of interior decorating, including painting and papering, in which he became an expert, and for the past sixteen years has been in that line of business on his own account. He has done a large amount of work in the larger and finer residences of San Francisco, as well as throughout Oakland, Berkeley and Piedmont, and has also done much contract painting. He is painstaking and thorough in everything he does, is artistic in his ideas, and through the years that he has been in business his work has been his best advertisement.

Mr. Sparwasser was united in marriage to Miss Lidia Frances Anderson, who was reared in this city. By a former marriage he has a daughter, Julia. He gives his political support to the republican party and takes a helpful interest in matters affecting the welfare and progress of his community. Courteous and accommodating, cordial in manner, and square in all of his dealings, he is widely known throughout Oakland and is held in high regard by all who have come in contact with him.

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### WALTER R. COOK

Walter R. Cook, of Castro Valley, has won substantial success in the chicken business because he has given intelligent direction to his work and has followed scientific methods. He now has a well improved ranch and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising citizens of his community. Born at Kearney, Buffalo county, Nebraska, on the 29th of May, 1883, he is a son of Charles and Anna (Wright) Cook. The family moved to Kimball county, that state, where he spent his boyhood and attended the public schools, after which he assisted his father, who



mission which located the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on land which he had taken up from the United States government, but had sold some years previously. Both the Whitmore and Sanford families came to America from England and were pilgrim Puritans. The Sanfords settled in Massachusetts in 1626, two years prior to the location of the Whitmore family. Ezra W. Whitmore followed farming for many years, served as county superintendent of schools of Washtenaw county, Michigan, for four years and was a recruiting officer during the Civil war. He spent the last eleven years of his life with his son Welles in California.

Welles Whitmore attended the public schools of his native state and later entered the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1875. He then entered a law office in Ohio, where he pursued the study of Blackstone and Kent. In 1877 he came to California, setting foot upon the soil of this state for the first time on July 8th. He continued his law study in an office in San Francisco and was duly admitted to the bar of the district court in that city in 1878 and to the district court and county court of Alameda county in 1879, at which time he established his residence in Oakland, where he has since resided. He was admitted to practice before the supreme court of this state in 1882. He served four years as deputy district attorney under Judge E. M. Gibson, who was then district attorney of Alameda county. He has always been distinguished for his learning in the law and his clear-headed judgment, having during his long career at the bar handled successfully many important cases, while as an office counselor he is regarded as sound and reliable. By working nights from seven to twelve, while serving as deputy district attorney, from 1878 to 1880, Mr. Whitmore compiled an index giving all the decided points of law digesting all the reported cases decided by the supreme court of the state of California and reported in the California Supreme Court Reports from Volume I to LIII inclusive. No reliable digest of the judicial decisions of the said court was then in existence. This work was published by Bancroft-Whitney Company of San Francisco, law book publishers, and leading lawyers in California were quick to see the value of this work, which had a large sale for the next eight or ten years, going through several editions. This reflects greatly on Mr. Whitmore's tireless energy and his profound knowledge of the law.

Mr. Whitmore was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Nusbaumer, a daughter of Louis Nusbaumer, who was a pioneer of this state. Mr. Nusbaumer came to California by way of the southern route which led through Death Valley. With a party of eight men he started west from Salt Lake in the fall of 1848, with two large freight wagons heavily laden with provisions. This trip was fraught with severe hardships and only Mr. Nusbaumer and one companion arrived at San Luis Obispo in January, 1849, each carrying a satchel. The others had died from exposure and sickness, being buried along the way, while the eight yoke of oxen, wagons and provisions had gone. Mr. Nusbaumer located in San Francisco in 1849, and in 1851 became a member of the historical Vigilance committee. He entered heartily into the upbuilding of the city and later became a member of the California Pioneer Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore have three children: Carl, who is general manager for the Western Electric Company in New York city; Walter, who is engaged in the

radio business in Los Angeles; and Welles, Jr., who is in the automobile business in Alameda, and has the sales agency for the Oakland and Pontiac automobiles. There are also eight grandchildren.

Mr. Whitmore has always given his political support to the republican party; has long been a member of the Masonic order, in which he has received the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites, and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. No member of the Alameda county bar has received or merited in greater degree the confidence of the people, for he is a splendid example of American manhood and citizenship, and throughout the community has many warm friends.

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### JAMES GRAHAM MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Among California's most widely known manufactured products are the Wedgewood stoves and ranges, which are generally regarded as the best in the country, a reputation which they have just merited through forty-five years of use. They are made by the James Graham Manufacturing Company, of Newark, which has become one of Alameda county's most noted industrial concerns. The business was founded by James Graham, who was a native of Ontario, Canada, where he was reared and educated. Later he located in the eastern states, where he learned the trade of an iron moulder. In 1877 he went to Alvarado, Alameda county, and worked for the George H. Tay Company, iron founders. Later he came to Newark at the request of Senator James G. Fair, who at that time was the owner of a railroad, the shops of which were at Newark. Mr. Graham came here to make castings for the railroad, and was so employed until the road was sold to the Southern Pacific interests and the shops were moved to Sacramento. In the meantime Mr. Graham had invented what is now known as the Wedgewood stove and finding himself out of a job he began in a small way, with limited capital, to make these stoves. They gained recognition as the best cookstove on the market and soon there arose a steady demand for them. Beginning alone in 1882, in four years Mr. Graham was employing thirteen men, and the growth of the business may be inferred from the statement that now four hundred and fifty men are employed, the James Graham Manufacturing Company being the largest stove manufacturers in the west. The factory at Newark is complete in every way, and a branch is maintained at Los Angeles, with a warehouse and showroom in San Francisco. From time to time certain improvements have been introduced in the stove, which is made in various patterns and in different colors, but always the uppermost thought has been to maintain the stove's efficiency from the standpoints of "Quality, Fuel Economy and Service." The New Super de Luxe Wedgewood range is the ne plus ultra of its class, for it is not only a thing of beauty and a real ornament to any home, but it cooks and bakes better than any other gas range ever made. With it cooking experience is unnecessary, for the control of the oven heat is automatic, and cakes come out regular in shape, light and delicately browned, while an additional feature is the Rutz lighter, which is always dependable and a great time saver. In connection with the gas range is a kitchen heater, which has a large and heavy duplex firebox and a drop feed door for use in burning wood.

It has a closed top, which gives more cooking space and saves the waste of heat, while the double top makes it absolutely fumeless. It is made with a rust-proof gun-metal finish, which never changes, and thus, with all these advantages, the Graham company offers America's finest gas range at no greater cost than is charged for inferior ones.

James Graham remained at the head of his business until his death, in 1902, since which time the business has been managed by his sons, G. E. Graham and C. R. Graham, who are progressive and enterprising business men, and are fully maintaining the prestige so worthily won by their father.

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### REV. JOSEPH GALLI

No minister of the Gospel in Oakland is more highly esteemed than is Rev. Joseph Galli, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, on Seventh street. To his congregation he has rendered faithful and able service for over twenty-five years, and no man enjoys greater popularity than he among the Portuguese residents of this city. Father Galli, who is a priest of the Salesian Fathers, whose full name is Italo Joseph Galli, was born in Varese, province of Lombardy, Italy, on the 18th day of April, 1877. After completing his preliminary education in the grammar schools of his native town, he was sent to Turin, in the province of Piedmont, where he entered the oratory of the Ven. Don Bosco, the head of the Salesian congregation. He completed his studies in the gymnasium there and later studied in the missions of Foggizzo and Valsalice, near Turin. At the latter place, in 1893, he took the preparatory course in theology and in the following year was sent to the first Salesian expedition to Portugal. Later he became a teacher in the famous college of San Caetano, in Braga, Portugal, and there learned the Portuguese language. In 1898 he was recalled to Italy, where he served eighteen months in the army, and in 1902, in Lisbon, he was ordained to the priesthood. The same year he came to the United States, arriving at Oakland, California, September 7th, and was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church, in which capacity he is still officiating. His wholehearted and unselfish service here has been productive of splendid results, the church having been strengthened in all of its departments, and under his administration it has been a power for good in this community. During 1909-10 Father Galli organized three societies, all of which have enjoyed a very successful history, namely, the Young Men's Institute, the Young Ladies Institute and the Catholic Ladies Society. For the benefit of a large congregation of Portuguese living in East Oakland he organized a new parish at East Ninth street and Twenty-third avenue called Our Lady Help of Christians. Father Galli is a good sermonizer and a fluent and effective speaker, while his loyal and faithful pastoral work has resulted in many accessions to the church, his labors here having been of a character and extent that have gained for him the respect and esteem of all who know him.

In his labors here Father Galli has for over twenty years been assisted by Rev. Henry J. Ferlira, who also has been a faithful worker among the Catholics of the community. He is an accomplished linguist and the two fathers, between them,

speak six languages, Portuguese, Italian, French, Spanish, Latin and English. Father Ferrlira was born March 30, 1881, in Salvador da Lama, Portugal, and was left an orphan at an early age, his elementary education being received in an orphanage at San Caetano. Later he attended the First Salesian novitiate in Lisbon, and afterwards became a teacher in the boys' college. In 1906, at Turin, Italy, he was ordained to the priesthood and arrived in Oakland, January 16, 1907, since which time he has been connected with the work at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Thomas Deehan, born in Ireland is to take charge of the young people of the parish.

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### ALEXANDER W. HALK

Alexander W. Halk has recently accepted a position as superintendent of the shop of The Scott Company, plumbing and heating, at 113 Tenth street in Oakland but still retains his house at San Leandro. He now lives at Hotel Touraine, in Oakland. He has had a career of varied experiences including seven years of military service in Europe and many parts of this country, but is now applying himself closely to business pursuits and has won a high place in the esteem of the people of the community in which he lives. Mr. Halk was born at Mt. Carmel, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of August, 1896, and is a son of Michael and Lucy Halk. His parents were born in Austria-Hungary (now Poland), whence they came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood and were married in Pennsylvania. The father was postmaster and steamship agent at Atlas, Pennsylvania, and was a man of prominence and influence in that locality. To him and his wife were born ten children, of whom five daughters and four sons grew to maturity, Alexander W. being the second oldest son and the second in order of birth of those now living. He attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, when he went to New Jersey and served an apprenticeship at the plumbing trade. Then for a number of years he worked for various plumbing concerns in Bayonne, New Jersey, New York city, Detroit and Chicago, after which he returned home for about two months.

Mr. Halk enlisted from Pennsylvania in Company I, of the Thirty-fourth United States Infantry Regiment, and for seven months was in training at Fort Slocum, New York. He was then sent to El Paso, Texas, and served along the Mexican border from Juarez to Chichua. Later he was sent to Waco, Texas, and from there to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. He was ordered overseas, landing at Brest, France, and fought through the Meuse-Argonne offensive and in the Puvénelle sector, on the Moselle river. He then entered an officer's training school and was about to receive a commission as lieutenant when the Armistice was signed, at which time he was company clerk. After the closing of the officers' school, he returned to the Thirty-fourth Regiment and was assigned to the headquarters company, and one month later was promoted to first sergeant. He served in France under H. A. Montgomery, who is now engaged in the blue print business in Oakland. On his return to the United States, Mr. Halk went to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, thence to Fort Riley, Kansas, and served through the trouble at the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From there he went to Pittsburg, Kansas, where

he served through the coal strike, and was later sent to Denver, Colorado, where he served during the street car strike. He performed the duties of first sergeant for the entire Thirty-fourth Regiment and received special mention for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties, being in the line of promotion. From Denver, Mr. Halk was ordered back to Camp Funston, Kansas, and thence to Camp Meade, Maryland, where the regiment was split up and he was assigned to the headquarters company, which was sent to Madison Barracks, New York. From there he returned to Camp Meade, thence went to Fort Eustice, Virginia, and on to Camp Alfred Vaile, New Jersey, where he attended the radio electricians' school. He was ordered back to Fort Eustice, where he received a three months' furlough and at once went to Detroit, Michigan, securing work in the planning department of the Cadillac Motor Company.

On the expiration of his furlough Mr. Halk returned to the army, but soon afterward bought his release and was honorably discharged in 1924. He then returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where he remained for several months before coming to California. Here he spent some time in looking up old army comrades in San Francisco and Oakland, and then decided to locate in San Leandro and engage in the plumbing business. He had pursued courses of study in mechanics with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and a correspondence course in the Chicago Technical Institute, following these during his later years in the army, and is now taking a course in bookkeeping in the University of California. In San Leandro he went to work for Ambrose Brothers, with whom he remained until 1926, when he engaged in the plumbing business on his own account, employing at times as many as fifteen men, and handling a number of important contracts, including the Old Mission apartments in San Leandro and fifty-eight houses built by Ostrom Brothers in San Leandro in 1926-7. Mr. Halk bought residence property at 351 Garcia avenue, and there had his office and shop. Recently he accepted the position of shop superintendent with the plumbing and heating house of the Scott Company and is living in Oakland. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and San Leandro Post, No. 117, American Legion. His sterling integrity of character and strong personal traits have commended him to the favorable opinion of those who have come in contact with him, while in business circles he is regarded as a man of sound and reliable judgment.

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#### DANIEL A. O'BRIEN

Situated at 538 Eighth street, is the oldest plumbing establishment in the city of Oakland, owned by Daniel A. O'Brien, who has for many years commanded a large and representative patronage and is numbered among the city's leading business men. Born in San Francisco, California, on the 12th of March, 1869, he is a son of John and Mary (Connors) O'Brien. His father came to California, by way of the isthmus route, in 1850, and settled in San Francisco, where for many years he was employed as an engineer on the docks, from which line of work he retired about five years prior to his death. His wife, whom he married in New York city, also is deceased.

Daniel O'Brien attended the Lincoln school in San Francisco and the Lincoln school and St. Joseph's Academy in Oakland, after which he worked in a drug store. Later he learned the plumbing trade, going to work in the shop of Dalzell & Moeller in 1888. In 1891 he engaged in business on his own account and so continues his service here covering a period of thirty-seven years, during which time he has done the plumbing on a number of public buildings and some of the most prominent business blocks in the city, besides numberless residences. He employs six men, all of whom are expert in their line, and he enjoys a well earned reputation for the high quality of his work, in which he takes a justifiable pride.

Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Mary Imhoff, of Murphysboro, Jackson county, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Roy John, who is engaged in the moving picture business, and Gertrude, who is married and has two children. Mr. O'Brien has always supported the republican party and has shown a keen interest in public affairs, though he has never been induced to accept public office. He is a member of the old Volunteer fire department, and later of the paid department, his service covering a period of sixteen years. He is now a member of the Firemen's Relief Association, and also belongs to Piedmont Parlor, No. 125, N. S. G. W. He has been loyal to his community, true to all the obligations of citizenship, has cooperated in all movements for the advancement of the public welfare, and is regarded as one of Oakland's solid and substantial business men.

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#### HOMER O. BANTA

Homer O. Banta, who owns an automobile service station at 845 Foothill boulevard, San Leandro, has made a very favorable impression on the people of his community, and the success which has come to him has been well deserved, for he has earnestly striven to give the highest quality of service and a square deal to everyone who patronizes him.

He was born in Collamer, Whitley county, Indiana, on the 29th of September, 1871, and is a son of Henry and Emily F. (Henderson) Banta. The family came to California in 1885, locating in Fresno, where the father took up contracting and building, having followed that occupation in Indiana, and his death occurred in Fresno at the age of eighty-two years. The mother died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Homer O. Banta secured his education in the public schools and after the removal of the family to Fresno he worked for his father. In 1898 he went to Alaska, lured by the wonderful stories of great gold deposits, and for awhile he was engaged in prospecting on the Porcupine and Big Salmon rivers. Later he built a steam laundry at Haines in that territory, which he ran successfully for twenty-one years. He then returned to California, and on October 3, 1923, established his present business, for which purpose he bought one acre of land at 845 Foothill boulevard. Here he has a gas filling station, carrying the General Oil Company's gasoline and oils, as well as a full line of the best eastern oils. He gives free crank-case service; keeps a good stock of accessories, and has a well equipped refreshment stand, and in the years that he has been here he has built up a large and



steadily increasing business, his plant representing an investment of about twelve thousand dollars.

On January 28, 1893, in Denver, Colorado, Mr. Banta was united in marriage to Miss Florence Foster, a native of Kentucky, and they have an adopted son, Warren C., who is now ten years of age.

Mr. Banta is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Alaska Consistory, and is also a member of Nile Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Seattle, Washington. He belongs to the San Leandro Rotary Club. In his career he has exhibited a high type of citizenship and in his business affairs has shown himself a man of sound judgment, so that he commands to a marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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### J. JOSEPH KRIEG

Among the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Oakland stands J. Joseph Krieg, who has built up a large and prosperous clothing business, conducting two up-to-date stores, while in matters affecting the welfare of the community he has long been a prominent and efficient factor.

Mr. Krieg was born in Germany on the 27th of July, 1876, and is a son of Engelbert and Alberta (Steinwachs) Krieg, who brought their family to Alameda, California, in 1889, and here the father was engaged in the laundry business. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. Krieg attended the grade schools in his native land and after coming to Alameda had two years of grammar school work, after which he took a commercial course in Heald's Business College. He was first employed at various occupations and for seven years served as a driver for the Mandler bakery, during which time he formed many lasting friendships. He then obtained a position as bookkeeper, which employment he followed for four years in San Francisco, and on the first of April, 1906, he engaged in the cigar business in Alameda with Joseph Halton under the firm name of Krieg and Halton. They also opened a men's furnishing store, which they carried on in connection with the cigar store, and, their business increasing, they found it advisable to admit partners into the enterprise. Later they sold the cigar store and opened a clothing store at Santa Clara and Park streets, Alameda. This proved a successful venture and, taking in another partner, he opened a second store on Fruitvale avenue, incorporating under the name of the J. J. Krieg Company. Subsequently Mr. Krieg sold his interest in the Alameda store and devoted his entire attention to the Fruitvale business. In 1924 he bought back the Alameda store, which he put into the corporation and placed his son in it as manager. Both stores handle large lines of everything worn by men and boys and are considered the leading establishments in their line in their respective communities. The Oakland store has a frontage of one hundred feet on Fourteenth street and Fruitvale avenue, being the largest store in East Oakland.

Mr. Krieg was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Wolf, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, but was reared and educated in Alameda. She has been a worthy helpmate to her husband and has given him splendid assistance, being in charge of the office work. They are the parents of two children. Joseph H., who was educated in St. Elizabeth's parochial school, St. Anthony's College at Santa Barbara, and

Heald's Business College, and who is managing his father's store in Alameda, is a past president of Alameda Parlor No. 47, N. S. G. W. Frances is a senior in the St. Elizabeth high school.

Mr. Krieg's father was very active in Catholic circles and was one of the organizers of St. Elizabeth's parish, which was instituted particularly for the German-speaking people of Alameda county, and Mr. Krieg has ably and effectively continued the work begun by his father, especially in relation to St. Elizabeth's church. He was chairman of the building committee and was largely instrumental in the raising of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the new church and three hundred thousand dollars for the new school, which was built of reinforced concrete. He is a member of Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E.; Oakland Council, K. C., fourth degree; Alameda Lodge, No. 24, Y. M. I.; Alameda Lodge, No. 1076, F. O. E.; Fruitvale Lodge, I. O. R. M.; Fruitvale Camp, No. 431, W. O. W., and the Ancient Order of Foresters. He belongs also to the Alameda Rotary Club, the Oakland and Alameda Chambers of Commerce, the Oakland Merchants Exchange and St. Francis Benevolent Society. He has given liberally of his time and means to the advancement of the best interests of his community, giving his earnest support to every measure for the advancement of the public welfare, and no citizen of Oakland is held in a higher esteem than he is.

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### GEORGE HENRY SMITH

In the sudden death of George H. Smith, who died on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving day, of November, 1927, Oakland lost one of its representative residents, a man whose life exemplified the highest type of citizenship and whose career was marked by industry, sobriety, sound judgment and a broad-minded interest in everything really worth while in life. He had long been an active worker in Freemasonry, in which he had repeatedly been honored with the highest offices, and he commanded to an unusual degree the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. He was born in San Francisco, California, on the 19th of December, 1863, and when about six months old was brought by his parents to Oakland, of which city he remained a resident to the time of his death. He received his educational training in the public schools and spent part of his early years on his father's ranch in Lake county, this state. Later he entered the employ of the Oakland Hardware Company and was rapidly advanced, being made manager of the store at the end of three months. After remaining with that concern for a number of years, Mr. Smith, in association with other gentlemen, engaged in the hardware business on Ninth street, in Oakland, meeting with gratifying success. During the last eight years of his life he devoted his time and attention to the office of recorder of Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine and proved a capable and popular officer.

About the time Mr. Smith attained his majority he was made a Mason, in which order he took a deep interest, proving a capable and faithful worker during the remainder of his life. He was a member of Oakland Lodge, No. 188, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a past master; Oakland Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., of which he was a past high priest; Oakland Council, No. 12, R. & S. M., of which he was



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past illustrious master and recorder at his death; Oakland Commandery, No. 11, K. T., of which he was a past eminent commander; Oakland Consistory, No. 2, A. A. S. R., and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he was recorder. He was buried with full Masonic honors and his funeral was the largest ever held in the Scottish Rite cathedral here and the second largest Masonic funeral ever held in Oakland.

In 1886, in Oakland, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Clara Louise Rockwood, who is a native of Ohio, and who survives him, together with a daughter, Margaret Louise, now the wife of R. C. Horeon, of Oakland, and two sons, George Rockwood and Lloyd Victor, all of whom live in Oakland; there is also a sister, Mrs. Wilbur Walker, and a brother, LeRoy Smith, both of Oakland. Mr. Smith was a man of great force of character and attractive personality and probably no citizen of Oakland had a larger circle of loyal friends than he, while the many beautiful tributes paid to his loyal and able services and his high standing as a man and citizen attested to the abiding place he had in the hearts and affections of those who knew him.

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### JOSEPH C. ALVES

Many natives of the Azores islands have become residents of Alameda county and have here not only attained material success but have also gained a high place among the loyal and public spirited citizens of the county. Among this number is Joseph C. Alves, who owns a splendid fruit ranch near Hayward and is counted among the best citizens of that locality. He was born in the Azores islands on the 4th of September, 1866, and is a son of Joseph and Anna (Catane) Alves. He secured his education in the schools of his home neighborhood and in 1880, when fourteen years of age, arrived in the United States. He came direct to Hayward, where he remained a short time, and then went to the vicinity of Concord, this state, and thence to Mentron. After remaining there for a short time, he went to Eureka, Humboldt county, but soon afterward returned to Hayward, where he was employed on a ranch for four years. During the three following years he farmed on rented land, and then went to Santa Clara county, where he leased a tract of land, which he farmed for seven years. In 1900 he came back to Hayward and on February 15th located on his present place, which he rented for one year and then bought. It comprises twelve and a half acres, on which are some apricot trees that had been planted by the Indians and Mexicans, some of which are at least seventy-five years old. Mr. Alves set out some fine cherry trees and now has a good fruit ranch, from which he receives a nice income. He also leases other land and a fine measure of prosperity is crowning his efforts. At one time Mr. Alves worked for a brother of Andrew Browder, the first sheriff of Alameda county. Formerly Mr. Alves operated a large drying plant, employing a number of people, but is now confining his attention to fruit raising, in which he has been very successful.

On January 1, 1890, Mr. Alves was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alves, a daughter of Manuel Alves, who was one of the first settlers in Redwood Canyon,

California, and to them were born three children; Anna, deceased, Agnes and Joseph. The mother died in 1898, at the age of thirty-two years, and in 1900 Mr. Alves was married to Miss Mary Zembele, a daughter of Frank and Mary Zembele. She was born in Germany and when ten years of age was brought to the United States by her parents, who settled first in Pennsylvania, but later in Celenos, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Alves have been born eight children, namely: Walter, who is a state highway policeman; Frank; Mary; Katherine; Soda, who died at the age of twelve years; Victor; Evalyn; and Blanche. Mr. Alves gives his political support to the republican party and has shown a helpful interest in the affairs of his community. He is a man of upright life, kindly and cordial in his relations with his fellowmen, and all who know him hold him in high regard.

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### EUGENE W. BECKER

One of the leading merchants of the Fruitvale district of Oakland is Eugene W. Becker, who established the first jewelry store in that section of the city and is meeting with very satisfactory success. He was born in Danzig, Germany, on the 17th of January, 1869, and is a son of Julius and Francisca (Nauman) Becker. In August, 1885, when sixteen years of age, he came to San Francisco, California, with a brother, one reason for their coming to this section of the country being that an uncle of theirs was operating a furniture factory in San Francisco. In the following December their mother and two sisters arrived and in March, 1886, they were followed by the father, who became associated with his brother in the furniture business. Both parents are now deceased.

Eugene W. Becker attended the public schools, as well as night schools, in San Francisco, and was graduated in three courses, including the commercial course. He had learned the jewelry business in his native land, beginning to work when thirteen years old, and after coming to this country he was employed in his uncle's factory while attending school. He next entered the employ of the Max Schirpser Jewelry Company, with which concern he remained for thirteen years, after which he was with another firm for one year, and then for sixteen years was with T. Lundy, the pioneer jeweler of San Francisco. In May, 1918, Mr. Becker came to Oakland and opened a jewelry store in Fruitvale, being the first to embark in that business in this locality. Success attended him from the start and he now commands a large and steadily growing trade. He carries a large line of jewelry, watches and clocks and maintains a well equipped repair department. His courtesy, accommodation and fair dealing have won for him an excellent reputation as a reliable and up-to-date business man.

Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss May Cooper, who is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, but was reared and educated in San Francisco. To them have been born six children: Helen, Dora, Harold, Maybelle, Elmer and Ethel, all of whom excepting the last named are married, and there are also five grandchildren.

Mr. Becker is nominally a republican in his political views, but at local elections he maintains an independent attitude, supporting the candidate whom he believes

to be the best fitted for the offices they seek. He was active in the organization of the Fruitvale Merchants Association, of which he was the first president. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias since the age of twenty-one years, and has passed through the chairs; in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he has passed through the chairs three times; and is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the Jewelers Club of San Francisco. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in the two cities and all who know him hold him in the highest regard for his sterling qualities of character and the high type of citizenship which he has exemplified in his life.

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### B. G. BAIL

Among the live and energetic business men of Castro Valley stands B. G. Bail, who is conducting a successful real estate business, and is also operating a chicken ranch. He is a progressive and up-to-date business man and stands high in the esteem of his fellowmen. He was born at Tuscola, Illinois, on the 24th of May, 1887, and is a son of William and Laura (Gardner) Bail, the former of whom was engaged in the monument business. Mr. Bail secured his education in the public schools of his native city and remained at home until twenty years of age. In 1907 he went to Portland, Oregon, where he accepted a position as office manager for the Union Meat Company, with which concern he remained until 1912, when he went to San Francisco, and was there associated with the Western Meat Company for two years. He then moved to Oakland, where he embarked in the real estate business, which proved a successful venture and he remained there until 1925, when he came to Castro Valley. Here he bought property and has since devoted his attention to the real estate business, and also looks after his chicken ranch at his home on Redwood road.

In 1914 Mr. Bail was united in marriage to Miss Irene Teague, who was born and reared in Oakland and is a daughter of John E. and Mary L. Teague, both of whom are natives of California. Mrs. Bail's paternal grandfather crossed the plains to California in the early '50s. To Mr. and Mrs. Bail have been born four children: Burford, Dorothy, Shirley and William J. Mr. Bail is a man of sound business judgment, has shown a deep interest in this community and has gained a high place in public regard.

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### MANUEL S. BETTENCOURT

Manuel S. Bettencourt, who owns and cultivates a well improved and productive farm at Centerville, is a man of good business judgment and industrious habits and has well merited the success which has crowned his efforts. He was born on his father's ranch at Centerville, on the 15th of March, 1872, a son of Manuel and Rosa (Veiria) Bettencourt, both of whom were born in Fayal, Azores islands. The

father came to the United States in young manhood and for a time followed the sea, serving on a whaling vessel, but later engaged in mining. Coming to Centerville, he bought ten acres of land, which he improved, and then went back to his native isle, where he was married, soon afterward bringing his bride to his California home. Here he prospered, buying several other farms, which he cultivated until his death, which occurred in 1906, at the age of seventy-four years. He was survived about ten years by his widow, who also died at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Bettencourt was a republican in politics and a splendid citizen, in every respect worthy of the esteem in which he was uniformly held throughout the community.

Manuel Bettencourt spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the Alviso school. For several years he worked on various ranches and in the lumber camps of northern California, and then returned to Centerville, taking over the care of a farm of twelve acres which his father deeded to him. He set out a nice orchard of apricots and cherries, made other substantial improvements and is very comfortably situated. He is also the owner of a half interest in the Ford garage in Centerville.

On July 4, 1903, Mr. Bettencourt was united in marriage to Miss Lena Roderick, who was born and reared in Centerville, a daughter of Frank S. and Lena Claudina Roderick, the former born in the Azores islands and the latter in New Bedford, Connecticut. Mr. Roderick came to Centerville in young manhood and bought fifteen acres of land, which he improved and developed into a good farm, and here he has lived ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Bettencourt have two children, Herman and Eugene. Mr. Bettencourt gives his support to the republican party and is a member of the U. P. E. C. He is a man of substantial qualities, public spirited in his attitude toward local affairs, and a generous supporter of all worthy causes, and is held in high regard.

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### HARRY S. ANDERSON

Probably no citizen of Oakland has been more prominently identified with various phases of its affairs than has Harry S. Anderson, who has built up and operates one of the largest business enterprises of the city, has been actively connected with municipal and civic interests and is one of the leaders in local fraternal circles. He has led a very busy and useful life and stands today as one of the representative men of this city. Mr. Anderson was born in Oakland, September 3, 1877, and is a son of Severin and Fredericka (Hedemark) Anderson. His father came to California in 1870, locating first in San Francisco, and in 1875 became a resident of Oakland. In 1891 he and his son Harry established a carpet business in the old Masonic Temple building and in three years increasing trade demanded more room. They then moved to 1114 Broadway, where they remained twelve years, when they moved to the present site of the Tribune building. The business continued to grow and at length was established in its present location at 519-521 Thirteenth street, where it occupies the entire building. The father remained actively identified with the business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913, since which time Harry S. Anderson and his brother, Fred N. Anderson, have been



owners and to their progressive and enterprising methods the later success of the business is due, Anderson's Carpet House being one of the best known business concerns of the Bay district. They carry a large and complete line of carpets, and two years ago added a complete line of interior decorations, which has proven a popular department. About fifty people are employed in the store and courtesy and efficiency characterize the service which they render.

On April 23, 1901, Harry S. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Edna Frances Camp, who was born in San Francisco, but was reared and educated in Oakland. They are the parents of four children, Harry Robert (Bob), Geraldine, Jeanette and Willard, and there is one granddaughter.

Mr. Anderson has long been prominent in the republican party in this state, having served as secretary of the county central committee, as secretary of the old Seventh Ward Republican Club, and under the old regime as secretary of the republican state committee. For two terms he was city commissioner of public works, during which period he had charge of the erection of the new city hall and the city auditorium, in both of which buildings he takes a justifiable pride. He is a Mason, belonging to the York Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also has membership with the Fraternal Brotherhood, the Royal Arcanum, the Native Sons of the Golden West and the National Union. In the last named he is serving his fifth year as national president and also had the distinction of holding the position of speaker of the senate in that organization. He belongs to the Athens Athletic Club, of which he is secretary, the Castlewood Country Club, of which he is chairman of the house committee, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Exchange. Mr. Anderson has been in charge of the raising of funds for the building of the new Masonic temple at Thirteenth and Harrison streets, being commissioned to raise one million, two hundred thousand dollars, and so energetically has he carried this work forward that he has seventy-eight thousand dollars over the desired amount, so that the work can now proceed. Mr. Anderson has always been greatly interested in athletics and for many years was a director of the Oakland baseball team of the Pacific Coast League. He has earned the reputation of doing thoroughly and well everything which he undertakes and therefore is considered a valuable man by everyone with whom he has been associated. Energetic, progressive, straightforward and honorable, he commands the confidence and respect of the entire community and in the circles in which he moves he is extremely popular.

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#### GUISEPPE PROIETTI

The career of Guiseppi Proietti, of San Leandro, affords a concrete example of what may be accomplished through industry, persistence in pursuit of a definite object and the exercise of intelligent judgment, for he began his life in this country without capital or influential friends and has succeeded in attaining a measure of prosperity that places him among the successful business men of his community. Mr. Proietti was born near Rome, Italy, on the 23rd of February, 1882, and is a son of Appolinare and Margerita Proietti. He had but little opportunity in his

boyhood to secure an education, for when he was nine years old his father died and three days later he was compelled to start to work in order to support his mother and family. He was employed as a carpenter and at any other work he could find, until 1898, when, at the age of sixteen years, he decided to come to the United States, having heard that larger opportunities for individual advancement could be secured here. He landed at New York city, and was employed in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, working in stone quarries and at railroad construction. He was in Chicago when winter came on and he decided to seek a milder climate. Starting west, he stopped off in Wyoming and Montana, where he sought work, but being unsuccessful, continued on his way to the coast and arrived in San Francisco in January, 1907. His first job in California was with Charles Fay, ex-postmaster of San Francisco and a leading contractor, by whom he was employed in clearing up the wreckage of the Phelan building. After that he was variously employed until July 4, 1908, when he started to sell flowers on the street. In his first attempt he met with encouraging success and continued at it for some time, after which he obtained employment in various retail flower stores in that city, following that line of work for three years. He then began buying flowers from the growers in Alameda county, coming down as far as Niles, Hayward and Centerville. He walked down, packed his flowers in a basket and then returned to San Francisco on the street car. This also proved a good move and he continued at it successfully for three years, when he decided to go into the florist business, and to that end, in 1919, he bought six and twenty-two hundredths acres of land about one and three-quarter miles south of San Leandro, on which he erected a greenhouse. Each year since then he has made a substantial improvement on the property, until he now has twelve large greenhouses, with a good boiler plant and a turbine pump system, driven by electric power. He has invested approximately seventy-five thousand dollars in this plant, which is modern in every respect, and his sales now amount to about twenty-five thousand dollars annually, his flowers being sold to San Francisco and Oakland dealers. The place is known as San Leandro Gardens and he has gained a wide reputation for the high grade of his flowers, mainly roses, tulips, daffodils, gladiolas, peonies and sweet peas, while he has so conducted his business affairs as to command an excellent credit rating.

On August 12, 1925, in San Francisco, Mr. Proietti was united in marriage to Miss Christina Frigara, who is a native of Genoa, Italy. In 1904, in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Proietti was made a citizen of the United States and he gives his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the Italian Club of San Leandro and is deservedly popular among his associates, while throughout the community he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### PETER CHRISTIAN FREDERICKSON

In the life history of Peter C. Frederickson there is presented the record of a man who, in the face of disheartening conditions, refused to be discouraged and by his determined and tireless efforts forged his way forward to ultimate success, being now numbered among the leading business men of Oakland. Mr. Freder-

ickson was born in Denmark on the 4th of June, 1859, and is a son of Frederick C. and Dorothea Frederickson, also natives of that country, where the father followed the trade of weaving. Both parents are deceased, the father dying when Peter C. was but eighteen months old.

The son was educated in the public schools of his native land and at the age of fifteen years emigrated to the United States. For about three years he lived at Plainfield, New Jersey, where he worked at anything he could find to do, and found things hard to manage from the fact that he was unfamiliar with the English language. In 1877 he came to the Pacific coast, landing at San Francisco, and soon afterward got a job at plowing at San Gregario, where he worked in the fields from sunrise until dark, after which he did chores, his wages being one dollar a day. He later worked for awhile around San Francisco and later for Mr. Dimond, at Fruitvale, the understanding being that his remuneration would be his board and lodging. He spent the winter there and in the spring was pleasantly surprised when Mr. Dimond handed him sixty dollars. During the three following years he worked for a Mr. Deering, after which he went to Arizona, where he spent nine years in the mines. Returning to Fruitvale in 1889, he began teaming, and in the following year went into business on his own account, establishing a small coal and feed yard at Thirty-third avenue and Foothill boulevard. Success attended him there and business increased to the extent that he was compelled to seek larger quarters. He located then at Twelfth street and Fruitvale avenue, and here has ample accommodations for his business, having a large warehouse and a railroad switch, and commanding a large and profitable business. Mr. Frederickson had the second telephone that was installed in the Fruitvale district and in other ways has showed his progressive and enterprising spirit. He gives employment to ten persons.

Mr. Frederickson married Miss Mette C. Frost and to them were born five children, Neil A., Dorothy, Katherine, Alice, and Chester, who is associated with his father in business. The wife and mother died in 1918, and in 1921 Mr. Frederickson was married to Mrs. Jennie C. Dunlevy, who was born and reared in San Francisco. Mr. Frederickson is a republican in his political views and is actively interested in local public affairs, having served as a member of the district sanitary board, and also as president of the Board of Trade. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. He has well merited the substantial success which has come to him and his record has gained for him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### JOSEPH FRANCIS CORREIA

Joseph F. Correia, of Hayward, has gained a wide reputation as a progressive and energetic farmer and business man, having been successful as a fruit grower and equally prosperous as a fruit commission man, in which he does a large business in season. Mr. Correia was born in Hayward on the 1st of June, 1879, and is a son of Manuel and Alnora (Secada) Correia, both of whom were natives of Fayal, Portugal, where they were reared and married. In 1855 they came to California,

locating at Centerville, where the father engaged in cattle and grain raising, remaining there a number of years, when he retired and moved to San Lorenzo, where he died in 1924, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died in 1926, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a republican in politics and a member of the I. D. E. S. They were the parents of nine children: Frank, of San Francisco; Manuel, who died recently, at the age of fifty years; Joseph F.; Mary and Carrie, who live at San Leandro; Leonora, of Oakland; and George, Charles and Fred, who live in San Francisco.

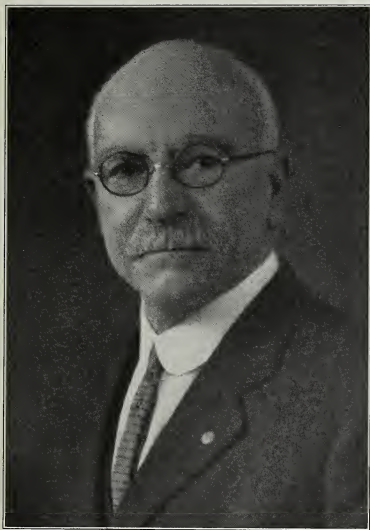
Joseph F. Correia spent his boyhood at Hayward and was early taken into the home of his uncle, Joe Francis Correia, who reared and educated him. On reaching manhood he gave his attention to raising and drying fruit, working hard and winning success. His uncle gave him a small tract of land, which he later sold and then bought and improved, his present place of four acres, erecting a nice house and other farm buildings, since which time he has prospered as an orchardist. In 1912 he also bought five acres of land across the street from his home place and which also has on it a good house. During the fruit harvest Mr. Correia does a large business as a fruit broker, owning and utilizing six trucks, and buying an enormous amount of fresh fruit direct from the orchards.

In 1901 Mr. Correia was united in marriage to Miss Anna Pereria, who was born in Hayward, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Pereria. They have four children, Linus, Norbert, Hortense and Violet. Mr. Correia is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the U. E. P. C. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Alameda county and wherever known is held in high regard for his splendid character and sound business principles, while among his associates he is deservedly popular.

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### JOHN G. MATTOS, JR.

Among the leading and influential citizens of Centerville, none takes precedence over John G. Mattos, Jr., who has attained distinction as an able and successful lawyer, while in political, civic and fraternal affairs he has been active and has been honored with important official positions. Mr. Mattos was born in Horta City, Fayal, Azores Islands, on the 1st day of August, 1864, and there attended the public schools to the age of fifteen years, when, in 1879, he accompanied his family on the emigration to California. They settled in Centerville, where he has lived continuously to the present time. He was made an American citizen July 31, 1886, and became an active worker in the republican party. In 1888 he was elected road overseer of the Centerville district and was reelected in 1890. In 1891 he was appointed a deputy county assessor for Washington township, filling that position for four years. In 1889 he was commissioned a notary public, which position he has held continuously since. In 1900 he was elected a member of the state assembly for the forty-sixth district, which at that time, comprised all that portion of Alameda county south of San Leandro creek, being the townships of Washington, Eden and Murray, and was reelected to the same position in 1902. While in the state assembly he was a member of the code commission and chairman of the roads and



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highways committee and the committee on education. In 1901 he was appointed by Governor Gage a member of the board of trustees of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind children at Berkeley, resigning after five years service. In 1904 he was elected a member of the state senate without opposition from the Thirteenth senatorial district, serving as chairman on the committees of education and roads and highways. In 1906 he was appointed by Governor Pardee a member of the board of harbor commissions, but by legal complications did not take office. In 1907 he was appointed by President Roosevelt, appraiser of merchandise at the port of San Francisco and served for seven years, until the election of President Wilson. In 1918 he was appointed by Governor Stephens a member of the board of prison directors for ten years, and resigned after eight years of service.

Later Mr. Mattos devoted his time to the study of law and in August, 1897, was admitted to practice. He has been more than ordinarily successful as a lawyer, maintaining offices in Centerville and in the Bank of Italy building in San Francisco, and confines his practice mainly to the probate courts, in which department of legal procedure he is regarded as an expert, so that he has built up a large remunerative clientele. Mr. Mattos took an active part in organizing the Bank of Centerville, of which he was chosen president, and served in that capacity until the bank was sold to the Bank of Italy, in 1919, since which time he has served as vice president and director of the last named Bank. In 1893 he was elected a member of the Centerville school board, and has been reelected ever since, serving continuously in this last capacity for upward of thirty-five years. In 1895 he became a member of the high school board, of which he was made secretary and served one year. He has long been prominent in the U. P. E. C. (Portuguese Union of the State of California), the strongest Portuguese fraternal order in the state, of which he was elected supreme president in 1894, being reelected in the following year. Since 1896 he has been supreme director of that order and since 1902 has held the office of supreme treasurer. He held the office of justice of the peace for Washington township for eight years, and in that time, assessed fines of over thirty-five thousand dollars for violations of the motor vehicle act. A man of alert and vigorous mentality, sterling character and progressive ideas, he has been true to the highest obligations of citizenship, has done his full part in affairs concerning the welfare of the community, and commands the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen to a marked degree.

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### ALBERT PORT

Albert Port, of Oakland, whose industry, careful management and sound judgment resulted in gaining a competence that has enabled him to lay aside the burdens and cares of active business pursuits, is numbered among the respected and honored citizens of his community, of which he has been a resident for forty-three years. Mr. Port was born on a farm in New York, April 14, 1855, and is a son of Albert and Rosie (Carroll) Port, of whom the former was a mason and contractor, and both are now deceased.

Albert Port acquired his early education in public schools of his native state, completing his studies in the schools of Vermont, to which state the family had

moved when he was eight years of age. On leaving school he became a clerk in a mercantile establishment and followed that line until thirty years of age, when, in 1885 he decided to seek a better field for individual advancement. Coming to California, he located where the Fremont high school building now stands in Elmhurst, Alameda county, and found employment as foreman on the Talcott dairy farm. He was ambitious and, prudently husbanding his finances, in the course of time was able to buy a portion of the Talcott property, on which he has since lived. The land, rich and fertile, was always in demand for nursery purposes until the increasing demand for business and residence sites made it too valuable for other purposes. Now, instead of a clear tract of farm land when Mr. Port came here, with not a residence on it, there are now thousands of substantial and attractive homes and the land has greatly enhanced in value through the years. Mr. Port retains the corner block on which he lives and is also the owner of much valuable property in other sections of Alameda county, so that he is now in a very comfortable position. He is regarded as one of the pioneers of the Melrose district and has been a very important factor in its development and progress.

Mr. Port was united in marriage to Miss Laura A. Eldred, also a native of New York. He gives his political support to the republican party and in former years was active in the public affairs of his community, having served as sewer and fire commissioner of the Melrose district prior to its annexation to the city of Oakland. A man of earnest purpose, sterling integrity and fine public spirit, he is a worthy citizen of his locality and none more highly merits the confidence and respect of all.

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A. DETTMER

San Leandro is the home of one of the largest and most important florist establishments in California, the firm of Avasino, Mortensen & Company being known throughout the coast region for the quantity and quality of its products. The growth and remarkable success of this firm is one of the notable commercial facts in recent Alameda county history and is well worthy of specific mention here. This company had its inception in 1921, when E. W. McLellan, of Burlingame, California, probably the most extensive grower of flowers in this state, sold his three greenhouses, one and three-quarters miles south of San Lorenzo, to H. A. Avasino, who was at that time foreman of Mr. McLellan's wholesale house in San Francisco. The plant covered two acres of ground, and soon afterwards Mr. Avasino prevailed upon P. D. Mortensen and A. Dettmer, who also had been in the employ of Mr. McLellan, to come and assist him in the business, as they were both experienced and competent workmen and former coworkers of his. This they did, and soon afterward became financially interested in the business, which has since been operated under the present firm name. The original two acres, which was located on Holland avenue, was completely built up and the rapid growth of their business soon necessitated more room. This plat contains three greenhouses, each two hundred and sixty by thirty-two feet in size, besides a newer and larger house, as well as a boiler plant and pumping station. In 1924 the company bought eight acres more on the west side of Washington avenue, and on this tract they have erected



nine greenhouses, each three hundred by thirty-two feet in size, four houses four hundred by thirty-two feet in size, a separate pumping plant and a seventy-five-horse-power boiler plant. This seemed at that time enough additional room to care for all future contingencies, but still the business grew until more space was demanded and in 1927 they bought four acres more, upon which they are now building more greenhouses, propagating houses and a one-hundred-and-fifty-horse-power boiler plant. They have also recently completed a large warehouse, and have bought a large motor truck for transporting their flowers to San Francisco. The main office of the company is at 175-177 Fifth street, San Francisco, where their wholesale house is located. In addition to the vast quantity of flowers grown in their own greenhouses, they also handle flowers on commission, taking the entire product of several other well known growers in the vicinity of San Lorenzo. In addition to supplying flowers to San Francisco, Oakland and other cities, north and south, along the coast, they make extensive shipments of cut flowers, by railroad refrigerator cars, to the east and middle west. In their warehouse at the present time there are stored three hundred thousand tulip bulbs and two hundred and fifty thousand gladiola bulbs, for their own use, besides large quantities of moss and other ingredients and materials used in the business. Their cut flowers consist mostly of roses, gardenias and carnations, while among the outside flowers are peonies, heather, iris, narcissus, tulips, gladiolas and daffodills. The spectacular success of this firm has been gained through no lucky accident, but has been made possible through the combined industry, progressive spirit and technical knowledge of the three partners, each of whom devotes his time and effort to the business and is not afraid of hard work. They have labored in the spirit of close cooperation and harmony and well merit the prosperity which is now theirs, for they are recognized today as among the largest growers of cut flowers in California. Each one of their buildings has cost an average of four thousand dollars, while their land, at a conservative valuation, is worth three thousand dollars an acre. They employ an average of twenty men in and around the plant, while six men are employed in the wholesale house in San Francisco.

A. Dettmer, who superintends the growing of the flowers, both under glass and in the open, was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 19th of April, 1889, and is a son of Henry Dettmer, who was a farmer and nurseryman. Under his father's instructions, he began to gain a practical knowledge of nursery work at an early age. He attended the public schools and the gymnasium, which was really a technical high school, in his native city. He was then apprenticed for three years to a florist and nurseryman in Berlin, and after the completion of his apprenticeship he traveled extensively, working in some of the leading establishments of Europe. He put in five to six years in France, and in Paris particularly he gained a practical knowledge of the art of growing flowers. In England, he took up fruit growing in London and nursery work in Chester and Liverpool, and then went to Belgium and Holland, and later to Switzerland and Italy, in all these countries taking advantage of every opportunity to increase his stock of technical information. In 1913 Mr. Dettmer embarked on the "George Washington" for the United States, landing at New York city, coming for the purpose of study and observation. He was employed in his line of work in New York, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Chicago and Minneapolis, and while in Minnesota paid a surprise visit to an aunt in Euclid. He

found that northern climate too cold for practical floriculture, so went to Houston, Texas, and later to old Mexico. In the course of his travels he finally reached San Francisco. He had intended to visit the Hood River country of Oregon, to satisfy his desire to see the country where were grown the excellent Hood River apples which he had bought in the fatherland. However, that trip was never made, for he soon became busily employed in the flower business in San Francisco, which at that time was making preparations for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He went to work for E. W. McLellan, at Burlingame, and while there formed the acquaintance of the two men who are now his partners and who also were in the employ of Mr. McLellan. Mr. Dettmer's next position was with James Crockers as manager of his rose gardens at Hillsboro, San Mateo county. He remained there three years, when he was prevailed upon by Mr. Avasino to come to San Lorenzo to take charge of the outside work at his newly acquired plant. Soon afterwards he became a partner in the business, to which he has since devoted his attention. He is regarded as one of the most capable and efficient florists in this part of the country and has been an important factor in the success of the business with which he is identified.

On December 8, 1924, in Berkeley, California, Mr. Dettmer was united in marriage to Miss Erna Tauchman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tauchman, of that city, and they are the parents of a daughter, Dorothea. Though his business makes heavy demands on his time, Mr. Dettmer does not neglect his obligations to his community and gives his support to every worthy cause in the interest of the public welfare. Because of his excellent business record since coming here and his sterling personal traits he is held in high esteem by all who know him and is deservedly popular among his associates.

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### NORMAN J. RONALD

Norman J. Ronald has, during his four years' professional career, exhibited high qualifications as a lawyer and has not only built up a flattering clientele but has won a creditable place among the able and successful members of the Alameda county bar.

Mr. Ronald was born in Los Angeles, California, on the 5th of October, 1898, and is a son of John and Agnes (Hillcoat) Ronald. Both of his parents were natives of Scotland, though their marriage occurred in Chicago, Illinois, where they lived until 1898, when they located in Los Angeles. Later they came to Oakland, where the father is now employed as a buyer for a large department store.

Norman J. Ronald received his educational training in the public schools of Oakland, graduating from high school in 1918, and then entered the University of California, from the classical course of which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1922. He entered the law school of his alma mater and in 1924 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was promptly admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of his profession in Oakland in association with J. E. Hood. In February, 1928, he opened offices in the Ray building. A close and constant student of the law and devoted to his profession, Mr. Ronald has shown himself an astute and painstaking practitioner,

careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases and forceful and determined in the trial of causes, while as an office counselor he has been found to be safe and dependable.

Mr. Ronald is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Politicians Club, the East Lake Exchange Club, of which he is secretary, and the California State Bar Association. A man of agreeable personality and cordial manner, he has a wide acquaintance throughout Oakland and is deservedly popular, both because of his professional ability and his splendid qualities of character.

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### R. L. BILLINGS

R. L. Billings is well known throughout the central part of Alameda county because of his unusually successful record as a realtor and his activities have been of material benefit to San Leandro and vicinity. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 22nd of April, 1880, and is a son of O. L. and Lucy (Chapin) Billings. The father, who was born and reared in Maine and served in the Civil war, was a prominent lawyer of Minneapolis and was at one time district attorney of Hennepin county. The mother, who is a native of Minnesota and is now seventy-two years of age, makes her home with her son, R. L., in San Leandro, and, despite her age, is active and spry. She is of German ancestry.

R. L. Billings was reared to the age of seventeen years in Minneapolis and secured a good public school education. In 1898 he enlisted in the United States navy and has to his credit a long and honorable service of twenty years, receiving his honorable discharge in 1918 with the rank of chief gunner's mate. During these years he passed through many unusual and interesting experiences and his naval service was in fact educational to a marked degree. He has been in nearly every port of importance in the world and in nearly every state in the Union, having served as a naval recruiting officer in Kansas and as an instructor in various naval training schools. During the World war he was in the secret service, working under orders from the United States intelligence bureau, and in that capacity visited many foreign countries. For a time during the war he also served as instructor at the Great Lakes Naval School. He was a member of the crews who made the historic trip around the world under President Roosevelt's orders. He became personally acquainted with Colonel Roosevelt, of whom he is a great admirer. During that eventful voyage Mr. Billings was transferred to the battleship "Kansas," and among the interesting sights which he witnessed was the ruins of the terrible earthquake at Messina, Italy. Mr. Billings' first assignment was to the training ship "Mohican," which later transported ammunition to the Hawaiian islands and took part in the flag-raising ceremonies there. During the subsequent years he served on a number of Uncle Sam's ships, including the training ships "The Adams" and "Mohican;" the cruiser "Philadelphia," the new battleship "Maine;" the old battleship "Mississippi;" the destroyer "McCall;" the old "Constitution" at Boston; the old supply ship "Jupiter;" the revenue cutter "McCullough;" and was on the "Princeton" for two years. While cruising in the south seas the "Princeton" struck a rock and went down in seventy-two feet of water. Mr. Billings assisted in the United States

naval survey of Tutuilla island (also called Pago Pago). Among his other accomplishments he became a deep-sea diver, and for seventy-two days aided in raising the wreck of the "Princeton," which was accomplished after the most difficult work. As a result of his labors there his right hand became infected from metallic poisoning, and he was taken to a hospital but was incapacitated for further service as an active seaman, though he was afterward assigned to the revenue cutter "McCullough."

In 1918 Mr. Billings received an honorable discharge and in the following year came to California. He established a real estate office in Hayward, where he successfully engaged in business until 1923, when he came to San Leandro and has continued in the real estate business to the present time, having offices at 1342 East Fourteenth street. While he carries on a general real estate business, Mr. Billings specializes in the exchange of properties and, possessing an accurate knowledge of real estate values, he has been able to give his patrons a high type of service. He also handles insurance, loans and investments and is a notary public. He is progressive and enterprising in his methods, has handled property all over the East Bay district and his customers have been from various parts of California and also Oregon and Montana.

In 1915, at St. Joseph, Missouri, Mr. Billings was united in marriage to Miss Lucy V. Rutherford, and they are the parents of two children, Raymond L., Jr., and William R.

Mr. Billings was made a Mason at Wichita, Kansas, and is a member of the consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Kansas City, Kansas, and of Aararat Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Kansas City, Missouri. In his political views he is a republican and has shown a broad interest in public affairs, being well informed and holding sound opinions on the leading issues of the day. He is now serving his second term as vice president of the San Leandro Realty Board and has shown an effective interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community and county in which he lives. Friendly and agreeable in manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance and all who know him hold him in the highest measure of esteem.

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### JOHN H. SHEALEY

To John H. Shealey is East Oakland largely indebted for its upbuilding and development, for during the past ten years he has been a very active figure in real estate and building operations, being now regarded as the leader in his line in this section of Alameda county. Mr. Shealey was born on a farm in Germany, November 15, 1888, a son of John and Dorothy (Lietz) Shealey, the former of whom died when his son was three years of age, but the mother is still living in that country. He attended the public schools of his native land and took a course in the College of Commerce, in which he received thorough training in business methods. He then became a real estate appraiser, in which capacity he traveled all over Europe, appraising land and properties for large steamship companies and manufacturing concerns of Germany and other foreign countries; being engaged in that line of work from 1905 to 1913.

In the following year Mr. Shealey came to the United States, locating first with a brother in Nebraska. For a time he traveled throughout the western states, looking for a location, and from 1915 to 1918 had charge of mining property in Idaho. He then came to Oakland, California, and engaged in the real estate business, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful. He helped to develop Maxwell Park, where he erected two hundred houses, and has since given much of his attention to the building of houses and the financing of home buyers. He has also built a number of large and costly residences in Piedmont and other localities and has built up a large business as builder and real estate dealer, having at times as many as one hundred and twenty people in his employ.

Mr. Shealey was united in marriage to Miss Frances Hessel, who is a native daughter of California. Mr. Shealey gives his political support to the republican party and has shown a commendable interest in local public affairs. He is president of the East Oakland Taxpayers Association; is a past director of the Oakland Real Estate Board; and in 1927 was vice president of the East Oakland Kiwanis Club. He is a Mason and has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a strong and persistent booster for Alameda county, particularly of East Oakland, where his operations have been chiefly centered, and has been influential in advancing its welfare. His actions have been guided by honorable principles and he is loyal to all those things which make for honorable manhood and progressive citizenship. For these reasons, as well as for his agreeable personality, he has won and retains the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### LE GRAND M. TURNER

Le Grand M. Turner, who was for many years engaged in farming and fruit raising near Hayward, is now practically retired. He was born at Veteran, Chemung county, New York, on the 8th of July, 1850, and is a son of Harvey and Jane (Morehouse) Turner, also natives of the old Empire state, where the father followed farming and was engaged in the breeding of fancy thoroughbred horses. In 1866 the family came west, making the trip by way of the Isthmus of Panama and settling in San Francisco. He was successful in financial affairs and, retiring from active pursuits, returned with his family to New York, where he lived until his death in 1910, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife died there in 1909 at the age of eighty-five years.

Le Grand M. Turner was reared and educated in his native state, remaining there until twenty-one years of age. In October, 1873, he went to Traer, Tama county, Iowa, where he was caught in a blizzard for two days, after which he left that state and came to California. In 1874 he located in San Francisco, where he obtained a position as bookkeeper in a grain commission house, with which concern he remained for ten years. In 1888 he was married and soon afterward went to Napa county, this state, where he engaged in fruit raising until 1899, when he came to Hayward and settled on his present farm, which was then owned by his wife and was a portion of the old Winton estate, comprising eighty-seven acres of good land. Here he made valuable improvements and devoted his attention to the devel-

opment of a permanent home, living here to the present time. Though no longer actively engaged in farming, he and his wife and daughter Dorothy are deriving a good deal of pleasure, as well as profit, from the rabbit business on the home place. They have raised registered pedigreed winners of the Pacific strain of Himalayans since 1915, and now also have prize winning Havanas and Chinchillas, in the handling of which they have been very successful, some of their stock bringing fancy prices. They have taken silver cups at the San Jose rabbit show for the best display.

Mr. Turner has been married twice, first in 1888 to Miss Mary E. Winton, who was born in San Lorenzo, Alameda county, and was a daughter of Crayton Winton. To this union were born two children, Frank L. and Rose, the latter being deceased. The mother of these children died in 1904, and on June 16, 1906, Mr. Turner was married to Miss Florence M. Scott, who was born in Oakland, California, and is a daughter of Rev. Winfield and Helen L. (Brown) Scott, the former of whom was at one time pastor of the Baptist church in that city. Later he went to Arizona and became a member of the state legislature, in which he introduced an anti-gambling bill and a bill regulating the liquor traffic. Though a republican politically, he was elected speaker of the democratic house, so highly regarded was he by those who knew him. Later he served as chancellor of the University of Arizona.

The towns of Winfield, Kansas, and Scottsdale, Arizona, were named in his honor. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner have been born two children, Dorothy and Winfield Scott.

Mr. Turner is a staunch republican in his political views and has always maintained a deep interest in everything relating to the welfare of his community. He has shown himself a good business man and is regarded as one of the solid and dependable citizens of his locality.

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## DAVID BERCOVICH

David Bercovich, who conducts a profitable new and second-hand furniture business at 1007 Clay street, Oakland, has also won a wide reputation for his ability as an auctioneer. His success is the legitimate outcome of his persistent and determined efforts, backed by sound judgment and honorable dealing, and he is regarded as one of the leaders in his line in this city. Mr. Bercovich was born in Austria-Hungary on the 5th of January, 1878, and is a son of Abraham and Bertha Bercovich. On August 10, 1883, the family, consisting of father, mother and nine children, arrived in Oakland, and another child was born here. Two of the children are deceased, one having been killed by an automobile. Abraham Bercovich was a pioneer in the iron and metal business in this city, in which he continued until his death, December 10, 1904. The mother died in 1917.

David Bercovich received a good public school education, attending the high school in Oakland, and during his school days he devoted his spare time to assisting his father. When he attained his majority in 1899, his father admitted him to a partnership in the business, which was thereafter conducted under the name of A. Bercovich & Son until the father's death. Mr. Bercovich and a brother-in-law then

carried the business on until 1917, when Mr. Bercovich sold out and bought a half interest in his present business from Mr. Monroe. In 1922 he bought out his partner and has since been sole owner. He carries a large stock of furniture, both new and second-hand, which he sells at moderate prices, thus moving his stock quickly, and also maintains auctioneering rooms, in which he has sold a vast amount of goods. He is an active, energetic and progressive business man and well merits the prosperity which is now his.

Mr. Bercovich was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Lefkovitz, who was born in Del Norte, Colorado, but was reared and educated in San Francisco. To them have been born three children: Lillian, who is a graduate of the Oakland high school and is the wife of Sam Berman; Avram, who also is a graduate of the Oakland Technical high school and is now associated with his father in business; and Mervin, who is attending the Piedmont high school. Mr. Bercovich gives his political support to the republican party and has shown a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county. He is a member of Fruitvale Lodge, No. 336, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a man of marked business ability and sturdy character and all who have come in contact with him hold him in high regard.

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### GEORGE P. HELLWIG

George P. Hellwig, who for over a third of a century has conducted the leading meat shop in Alvarado, is a member of one of the pioneer families of this locality, his father having located here over seventy years ago, since which time representatives of the name have always done their full part in the development and improvement of this section of Alameda county. Mr. Hellwig was born at Alvarado July 26, 1876, and is a son of Philip and Eliza (Switzer) Hellwig, natives of Germany. The father came to California, by way of the isthmus of Panama, in 1856 and located at Alvarado at a time when this section of the county was little more than a wilderness. He became the pioneer merchant here, establishing a butcher shop, which he conducted for many years, and on retiring, the business was taken over by his son, George P. He also became the owner of seventy-five acres of good land, also now owned by his son. Both parents are deceased, the father dying in 1903 and the mother in 1912. They had three children.

George P. Hellwig, the only one living, received a good public school education, which he supplemented by a commercial course in the Pacific Business College in San Francisco. When seventeen years of age he became associated with his father in the meat business and has been identified with it continuously since. He has built up a large and prosperous business here and has also established branch meat markets at Hayward, Niles and Centerville, this county, all of which are profitable enterprises. He maintains his own slaughter house and thus insures to his patrons absolutely fresh meat at all times. He conducts his business according to the highest commercial ethics and the prompt and efficient service which he renders has been one of the secrets of his success.

Mr. Hellwig was united in marriage to Miss Willa Cecil, a native of Virginia.



DR. BENJAMIN F. MASON





MRS. BENJAMIN F. MASON



refused an offer of one thousand dollars. A woman of lovable qualities, kind and generous in all of her social relations, she was held in affectionate regard by all who knew her, and her death, which occurred at Fabiola hospital, Oakland, October 29, 1923, was regarded as a distinct loss to the community in which she had spent her life. To Dr. and Mrs. Mason were born three children, namely: Ruby M., a former student at the University of California, who has been head of the Mason household since her mother's death; Flossie, who is the wife of Roland Boucher, of Oakland; and Charles, who is about to enter the University of California.

Dr. Mason, though closely devoted to his professional work, found time to interest himself in other lines of effort, and, being a man of marked literary taste and talent, did considerable writing, being the author of a number of short stories and books, his best known work being a Civil war story entitled "The Village Mystery and Through the War to Peace." He took a deep interest in scientific subjects and gained note as a geologist, chemist and metallurgist, having, in 1919, received a post-graduate degree from the American College of Chemistry. He made a fine collection of minerals, fossils and Indian relics, many of which are unusual and valuable, and which are still in the old home in San Leandro. In the early '70s the Doctor served as an army surgeon under Gen. Nelson A. Miles, and had also acted as superintendent of a mine in northern California. He was a close personal friend of Bret Harte, Mark Twain, General Miles and Thomas Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California. In his political views he was a republican and at one time was a candidate for the state senate. Dr. Mason's wide professional knowledge and his long practical experience made him a physician of great ability and enabled him to attain notable success. Goodness was an outstanding factor in his life and character, for he had goodness of hand by which he touched unnumbered sick and suffering bodies into healing, and a goodness of mind by which he attained an unchanging attitude of kindness, generosity and good will toward his fellowmen. His patients had unbounded confidence in him because of his sincerity, his honesty and his integrity as a physician, together with his nobility of character and his thorough-going uprightness as a man. San Leandro honored him greatly, esteemed him highly, loved him dearly, will miss him sorrowfully, and will ever remember him with gratitude.

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#### WILLIAM H. WAHMUTH

William H. Wahmuth, as chief of the police department of Alameda, has won distinctive recognition throughout the coast region because of his efficiency as a detector of crime, and his record has stamped him as an exceptionally capable and successful department chief, the force under his supervision functioning in a manner that has won general commendation. Mr. Wahmuth was born in San Francisco, California, March 8, 1869, and secured his education in the public schools of that city. He learned the trade of painting and paper hanging, which he followed until April 29, 1901, when he became a member of the police force of Alameda. He served as a patrolman until May 31, 1907, when he was made a detective, in which capacity he did such commendable work that on October 8, 1920, he was made chief of

the police department, in which position he has served to the present. The police force was small when he joined, but it has kept pace with the growth of the city and now consists of a chief, a captain, four sergeants, thirty patrolmen, two detectives and a policewoman. As a result of his experiences and observations, Mr. Wahnuth organized a crime bureau, which is complete in every detail, including the finger print system, and in its practical efficiency it has reflected great credit on his painstaking thoroughness and his genius for organization.

Mr. Wahnuth was united in marriage to Miss Lina C. Thompson, who was born in Lake county, California, and they are the parents of three children, William H., Jr., Roy and Lois. Mr. Wahnuth is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Oakland. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, the Pacific Coast Association of Police Chiefs, the International Association of Police Chiefs and the International Association of Finger Prints. Though closely devoted to his official duties, Mr. Wahnuth is a cordial and friendly man and enjoys well merited popularity.

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#### ARTHUR L. SCHAFER

Arthur L. Schaffer, conducting a successful general insurance business in Oakland, is one of the most enthusiastic and effective boosters of the East Bay district, and particularly of Oakland. He has shown mature judgment and wise discrimination in business affairs and well merits the success which is crowning his efforts. Mr. Schaffer was born in Oakland, on the 16th of August, 1880, a son of Louis and Caroline (Fouguier) Schaffer. His father came to California in 1875 and, locating in Oakland, engaged in the wholesale sheep butchering business. He was successful in his material affairs and became prominent and influential in the public life of the city, where he served as chief of police in 1892-3-4 and as president of the city council from 1898 to 1902. His death occurred May 17, 1923. In 1879, in Oakland, he married Miss Caroline Fouguier, who died February 28, 1926.

Arthur L. Schaffer attended the Oakland public schools, graduating from high school in 1898, and then went to work for the electric company which later became the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, with which he remained for eight years. He next engaged in the electrical contracting business on his own account, continuing alone for four years, after which he became associated with his father in the manufacture of fertilizers and tallow. After four years he sold his interests to his brother and accepted a commission as district manager of the Woodmen of the World in the East Bay district. He performed the duties of that position for five years and then turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he is still engaged. He maintains offices in the Wolf building, at East Fourteenth street, and Thirty-fifth avenue, and deals in all kinds of insurance, including fire, automobile liability, casualty and plate glass, and his energetic and enterprising methods have enabled him to realize a splendid measure of prosperity.

Mr. Schaffer was united in marriage to Miss Ruth R. Harlow, a lifelong resident of Oakland and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Harlow. Mr. and Mrs.

Schaffer have a daughter, Evelyn. The republican party receives Mr. Schaffer's political support and during all the years of his residence here he has shown a commendable interest in local public affairs, giving his aid consistently to all measures for public advancement. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World and the Native Sons of the Golden West, the East Lake Exchange Club, the Normandie Garden Improvement Association, of which he is president, and the Fruitvale Businessmen's Association. His material success has enabled him to embark in interests outside his regular business and he is now erecting several business blocks in different sections of Oakland, thus giving tangible evidence of his faith in the future prosperity of this district. He is recognized as a citizen of genuine worth and his sterling traits of character have won for him a high place in the estimation of his fellowmen.

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### MONROE L. SUMMERS

To Monroe L. Summers is largely due the development of the Melrose district of Oakland, for he aided in subdividing and selling much of the most eligibly located land in that community, and to the present time has been a persistent booster for that section of the city. Mr. Summers was born on a farm in Jefferson county, Indiana, October 28, 1854, and is a son of Jonathan and Amanda (McKinley) Summers, who were pioneer settlers in that part of the Hoosier state. Jonathan Summers is a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a captain in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He is still living on his farm here, at the age of ninety-eight years, and his wife died when past ninety years of age, after seventy-three years of wedded life. She was related to President McKinley. Her father served in the war of 1812 and Mr. Summers has in his possession a pair of silk stockings which his grandfather secured in an attack on Detroit, where General Procter, commanding the British and Indian forces, made his headquarters. The stockings and other wearing apparel were in a traveling bag which was left in a cart by General Procter when he cut the tugs from the cart in making his escape.

Monroe L. Summers secured his education in the district schools of Indiana, and when twenty-two years of age left home, going to Omaha, Nebraska, where he worked for a wholesale grocery until 1871, when he went to Colorado. There he prospected for precious metals and took up claims, which he sold in 1881 and returned to Indiana. He became connected with a music house in Indianapolis and for a number of years traveled over that state, buying and selling pianos. On first returning to Indiana he had married, but his wife died in less than a year. About ten years later he again married and, through the will of William H. English, at one time a candidate for vice president, they inherited four hundred acres of land at Lexington, Scott county, Indiana. They located on this land, which they managed for five years, when they sold it to William English, who greatly improved it and at his death gave the property to the people, to be used as a home for homeless children. In 1904 Mr. Summers arrived in Oakland and became associated with Talcott, in subdividing his ranch of one hundred and fifty acres, and putting some

on the market. He was superintendent of the enterprise, giving his attention to subdividing and selling this property, the Melrose Heights and Melrose Terrace tracts being among the choicest residential sections of this part of the city, all now being well built up. Since then Mr. Summers has continued his real estate operations and has successfully handled a large amount of property.

For his second wife, Mr. Summers married Miss Birdie Van Staden, who was born in San Francisco, California, but was reared in Indiana, and to them have been born two children, Bessie, who is the wife of George Pierce, and Fay, who is the wife of Willard King. There is also a granddaughter, Marjorie. In 1905 Mr. Summers built his fine home in Oakland. He is a republican in his political views and holds a commission as a notary public. He has lived an industrious and upright life, marked by earnest purpose and definite achievement, and throughout the community where he lives commands the unqualified respect of all who know him.

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### JOSEPH M. BRACKER

Joseph M. Bracker, the able and efficient superintendent of the California Packing Company's plant No. 9 at San Lorenzo, is regarded as one of the alert, industrious and progressive citizens of his community and is well worthy of the high place which he holds in public esteem. Mr. Bracker was born in Sonoma county, California, on the 16th of February, 1889, and is a son of A. and Esther (Dolpogetti) Bracker. His father was born in Alsace-Lorraine, and many years ago came to this country, locating at Fresno, California, where he was successfully engaged in business to the time of his death. His widow still lives in that city, being fifty-five years old.

Joseph M. Bracker received his educational training in the public schools of Fresno and in 1915 went to Milpitas, California, where he entered the employ of the California Packing Company, with which he has been connected continuously since, with the exception of the period of his war service. Through his faithful and capable efforts he won deserved promotions and in 1922 was made superintendent of the plant at San Lorenzo. He is a man of sound judgment and marked executive ability, managing the plant in a manner that has won him general commendation. He is identified with one of the largest and most important concerns in its line on the coast, the California Packing Company's standard brand of "Del Monte" products being popular throughout the United States, and ranking with the very best. The company puts up peaches, apricots and cherries, tomatoes and spinach. These are all raised locally with the exception of peaches, which are shipped in by rail from other sections of the state. The San Lorenzo plant is modern and up-to-date in its equipment, packs an enormous amount of products and during the busy season employs from five hundred to six hundred men and women.

In December, 1917, at San Francisco, Mr. Bracker was united in marriage to Miss Leonid Kimball, who was born and reared in that city, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jeanne. Mr. Bracker is a member of Alameda Lodge, No. 1015, B. P. O. E., and San Leandro Post, No. 117, A. L. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the Three Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment, which became

a part of the famous Ninety-first Division, which had so important a part in the war activities in France. Mr. Bracker was all through the Meuse-Argonne campaign, and then entered the Lys campaign, serving through the Avdvenarde drive until the signing of the Armistice. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1919, and at once resumed employment with the California Packing Company. He is a dependable and worthy man, commands the respect of his employers and throughout the community where he lives he is held in the highest regard by his fellowmen.

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### GEORGE A. JANSSEN

George A. Janssen, who conducts a prosperous meat business at 4719 East Fourteenth street, in Oakland, was a pioneer in the Melrose district, and his far-sighted judgment in locating here has been well vindicated in the splendid trade which he has enjoyed for many years. Born in San Francisco, May 23, 1882, he is a son of Henry and Gesine (Husing) Janssen. His father came to California in 1865, locating in San Francisco, where for many years he was in the employ of the Frye Furniture Company. He went to Alameda when his son, George A., was but two years old, and then moved to Oakland, which has been the family home since. The father is deceased and his widow is still living in this city.

George A. Janssen attended the public schools of Alameda to the age of fourteen years, when it became necessary for him to go to work to assist in supporting his mother. He learned the butchering business, in which he became expert, and for a number of years worked for various concerns in this city. In 1907, sensing the future growth of East Fourteenth street, he established a meat market at his present location, being one of the first to engage in business in his section of the city, and, due to his courteous and accommodating manner and the high quality of his meat, he has always enjoyed a substantial trade.

Mr. Janssen was united in marriage to Miss Christine Meyer, who was born and reared in Hayward, and they are the parents of a daughter, Georgia. Mr. Janssen is a republican but his business has made such heavy demand on his time as to preclude his taking a very active part in public affairs. However, his support can always be counted upon in the advancement of measures for the public welfare and he has long been regarded as one of his community's solid and substantial citizens. He was one of the organizers and a member of the volunteer fire department in Melrose before this territory became a part of Oakland and is a director of the Melrose branch of the Bank of Italy. He is held in high esteem by all who know him.

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### JOHN A. ROBINSON

John A. Robinson conducts a successful grocery business at Mt. Eden, has also served as postmaster at that place for twenty years, and has otherwise been active in matters affecting the general welfare of the community. He has been a lifelong resident of Mt. Eden, born here on the 26th day of June, 1874, and is a son of

William and Catherine Robinson, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Illinois. The father was reared and educated in the Empire state and then went to Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He was married there and in 1860 he and his wife made the overland journey to California, settling in the Castro valley of Alameda county, where he farmed. Afterwards he lived for a time at San Lorenzo, but finally settled at Mt. Eden, where he leased a tract of land, on which he carried on agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, which occurred in 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife passed away in 1910. Mr. Robinson was a democrat in politics and a man of splendid character and likable personal qualities.

John A. Robinson was reared at Mt. Eden and attended the public schools. He devoted his efforts to farming until 1908, when he was appointed postmaster, which position he has filled continuously to the present time, rendering a service that has been highly satisfactory to the patrons of the office. In 1902 he bought his present property, fronting two hundred feet on Telegraph road and one hundred and ninety-two feet on Hayward road, and on this lot he erected the buildings which now occupy it, one of which is utilized as a billiard parlor while the other contains the library, the postoffice and a grocery store which Mr. Robinson has carried on for many years. He keeps a well selected stock of goods and enjoys a very satisfactory trade, due to his courteous treatment and close attention to the wants of his customers.

In 1901 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Garcia, who was born in Hayward, Alameda county, and is a daughter of Caesar Garcia, who was an early settler of this county. Mr. Robinson gives his support to the republican party and has shown an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Woodmen of the World and is extremely popular, owing to his friendly manner and his upright and consistent life.

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### EMIL CHARLES HAHN

No citizen of Oakland merited to a greater degree the confidence and respect of his fellowmen than did the late Emil C. Hahn, whose death, on December 25, 1927, was deeply regretted throughout the community, for he possessed not only much native ability, but also those qualities of character which are essential to the highest type of citizenship and together with a kindliness and geniality that gained for him the friendship of all who knew him. Mr. Hahn was born in San Francisco on the 25th of August, 1869, and was a son of John William and Elizabeth Hahn, the former a native of Germany and the latter of France. They were numbered among the pioneers of the Golden state, arriving in the early '50s, and here spent their remaining years.

Emil C. Hahn attended the public schools of his home city and was first employed as an errand boy in a tailor shop. Two years later he began to learn the trade of cigarmaking, which he followed for three years, when he turned his attention to the coppersmith trade, at which he worked for seven years in San Francisco. On August 1, 1894, he moved to Oakland and entered the employ of



the Southern Pacific Railroad as a coppersmith and steamfitter, which position he filled for five years, at the end of which time he resigned and bought a notion and periodical business, at the corner of Seventh and Pine streets. This proved a successful venture and as trade increased he added other lines, including men's furnishings, cutlery and a line of cigars and tobaccos, investing several thousand dollars in the business. He was also made agent for the Wells Fargo Express Company, acting in that capacity for three years, and at all times exercised prudence and judgment which enabled him to realize a very satisfactory measure of success. For several years Mr. Hahn agitated the idea of organizing a bank in his community, but for some time met with little encouragement. Eventually, however, his determined efforts were fruitful and in 1904 the West Oakland Bank was organized, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, and he was chosen vice president of the institution. The same year he was appointed postmaster of Oakland, discharging the duties of that position for one year, when he resigned in order to accept a seat in the city council, to which he had been elected. This proved a wise selection on the part of the people, for Mr. Hahn soon became known as one of the ablest and most efficient members of that body, safeguarding and promoting the public interests. As chairman of the committee on ordinances and judiciary he exerted a marked influence on city legislation and every measure which was calculated to promote the city's advancement and better the public welfare received his earnest and effective support. On retiring from council, Mr. Hahn was appointed superintendent of the city street cleaning department, which position he held for sixteen years.

In San Francisco, Mr. Hahn was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Duffy, a daughter of Terrence and Ann (Markey) Duffy, who were early settlers in this state. Mr. Hahn was a member of Liberty Lodge No. 35, K. P., which he represented in the grand lodge three times; Liberty Company, No. 11, Uniformed Rank, K. P., of which he was first lieutenant; Vorwärts Lodge, No. 113, I. O. O. F., and Andrio Aerie, No. 7, F. O. E. While living in San Francisco he was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, but did not identify himself with that organization after coming to Oakland. His life was characterized by high ideals, fidelity to principle and a sincere interest in the welfare of those about him, which prompted him to many deeds of distinctive service. He earned a reputation as an enterprising, progressive man of affairs, and a broad-minded, charitable and upright citizen, traits which the public was not slow to recognize and appreciate, and at his death many splendid testimonials to his life and character indicated the strong hold he had on the hearts of his fellowmen.

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### LOUIS RUSCHIN

Louis Ruschin, who is enjoying very satisfactory success as a realtor in Newark, has attained his present place in the business world through his persistent and determined efforts and the high principles which have governed him, and no citizen of his community stands higher than he in the estimation of his fellowmen. Mr. Ruschin was born in Germany and came to the United States alone at the early

age of eight years. He could not speak a word of English and had attached to his coat a tag, giving his name. He came to his uncle, Joseph Bock, in San Francisco, and secured his education in the historic Lincoln school. At the age of fourteen years he started to work in his uncle's bakery, where he was employed until 1890, when he came to Newark and went to work in the Southern Pacific railroad shops. Later he worked in the James Graham Company store. For eighteen years he was employed as a clerk in the general store of F. Falk, after which he engaged in business in Newark. He has property interests in this district, which engage his time and attention, and is one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of Newark. He is a member of the advisory board of the Centerville branch of the Bank of Italy and belongs to St. Anthony's Hospital Association of Oakland.

Mr. Ruschin was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Murphy, a native of Ireland, and they are the parents of two children, Julia and Louis John. The son is in high school and is an eagle scout of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Ruschin has been very active in the public affairs of his locality, having served as a member of the board of school trustees and of the sanitary board. About fifteen years ago he organized the volunteer fire department, of which he has been chief continuously to the present time, and he formerly served as county game warden and as a deputy state game warden. He is affiliated with Centerville Lodge, No. 170, K. P.; Hayward Lodge, No. 1139, F. O. E.; San Jose Lodge, No. 401, L. O. O. M.; the advisory board of the American Legion, the U. P. E. C. and the I. D. E. S. Everything relating to the welfare and progress of the community in which he lives has enlisted his earnest support and he has been an important factor in affairs of importance. Cordial and friendly in manner, he is widely acquainted throughout this section of the county and all who know him hold him in high regard.

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### JOSEPH V. LOPES, JR.

Joseph V. Lopes, proprietor of Lopes' garage, at 8419 East Fourteenth street, Oakland, has been identified with his present line of business for many years and possesses a thorough technical knowledge of automobile mechanics, so that he has been able to render a high quality of service to his patrons. Born in San Francisco on the 17th of March, 1889, he is a son of J. V. and Anna (Kelly) Lopes, the latter a native of Portugal. His father came to California about forty years ago and was married in San Francisco, where he long engaged in the restaurant business, and was also widely known as a wine expert. His wife died in 1926.

Joseph V. Lopes, Jr., attended the public and high schools of San Francisco and then learned the trade of bicycle making, which he followed until the bicycle was gradually superseded by motorcycles and automobiles, to the repair of which he turned his attention. In 1906 he came to Oakland and was employed as an automobile mechanic until 1921, when he established his present business, which he is profitably conducting. He has a well equipped garage and repair shop, in connection with which he carries a large line of supplies and accessories, and also maintains a gas and oil service station. He takes pride in the high quality of his work, for

which he has gained a well-earned reputation, one of his business principles being that every customer must leave his place satisfied.

Mr. Lopes was united in marriage to Miss Teresa Sannebeck, who was born and reared in San Francisco, and who has been a true helpmate to him, assisting him in his business as office manager. Mr. Lopes is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and the Elmhurst Merchants Association, of which he is vice president. He is a lover of outdoor sports, particularly of aviation and baseball. In civic affairs he gives his earnest support to every movement for the advancement of the city's interests. Because of his honorable business methods and his excellent personal qualities, he commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

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### JOHN G. SARMENTO

Among the old and well known families of Alameda county, none is held in higher esteem than the Sarmento family, of San Leandro, of which John G. Sarmento is a worthy representative. He is now devoting his attention to the management of his mother's ranch, in which work he has shown industry and good business judgment. The Sarmento family was founded in this state in 1851 by Joe Sarmento, who came here from Portugal and bought land at San Leandro from the McClures, paying six hundred dollars an acre for seven acres now comprising the home place, and which is now worth probably four thousand dollars an acre. This land was at one time a part of the Soto grant, title to which came from the King of Spain in the early part of the nineteenth century. It later became known as Rancho San Leandro and was numbered among the great ranches of this part of the state. The Sarmento tract is located at the southern city limits of San Leandro. Among the children born to Joe and Mary Sarmento is Joseph Francis, who was born in Niles, California, March 13, 1867, and was married, on April 5, 1893, at San Leandro, to Miss Mary Louise Bowers, a native of Buffalo, New York, and a daughter of John and Barbara Bowers, both of whom were born in France, where they were reared and married. Her father had learned the plumbing trade in his native land and after coming to this country followed that line of work in Buffalo, New York, and in Oakland, California, of which city he was one of the pioneer plumbers. He and his family resided for awhile in East Oakland, but later came to San Leandro and established their residence on Orchard avenue, where both parents died. Their daughter, Mary Louise, was about seventeen years of age when the family came to this state and has resided here continuously since. By her marriage to Mr. Sarmento six children have been born: Joseph Antony, who is a cook in Los Angeles, California; Alfred, who remains on the home ranch; Edward Joseph, who also is at home; Eugene John, a bookkeeper, who married Miss Maimie Burges and resides on Seventy-ninth avenue, Oakland; John George, who was born August 2, 1903, secured his educational training in grammar and night schools, and is now managing the home place for his mother, who now owns it; and Arthur, deceased. John G. has devoted himself closely to the cultivation of the ranch, in which he has shown himself capable and discriminating in his operations, and throughout the community he is regarded as an up-to-date and

enterprising farmer, commanding the respect and good will of all who know him. A half brother, George G. Sarmento, now deceased, was an expert blacksmith, well known to the early residents of San Leandro, and ran a shop at Hepne and Clark streets, where he enjoyed a large patronage. The Sarmento family has always stood high in the confidence and respect of the people of the community, being generous and hospitable, and is numbered among the worthy old families of Alameda county.

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### ALPHEUS KENDALL

After a long and successful career as a building contractor and planing mill operator, Alpheus Kendall of Oakland, is now retired from active business and is spending the golden sunset years of life in well earned leisure, secure in the esteem and admiration of many friends. A native of Maine, Mr. Kendall was born at Abbot, Piscataquis county, January 7, 1849, and is a son of Stedmon and Mary Jane (Chandler) Kendall, also natives of the Pine Tree state. The father was born in Bath and remained a resident of Maine until seventy-five years of age, when he came to California and made his home with his sons and daughter until his death. His wife, who was born in Monmouth, Maine, passed away in that state. Alpheus Kendall had two younger brothers and a sister, Noah Chandler Kendall, George Harry and Lucy Weeks Kendall, who now reside in Oakland, while Corra Kendall Jackson and Ada Kendall have passed away.

Alpheus Kendall acquired a good public school education in Maine and afterward learned the carpenter's trade. His father owned and operated a carding mill where the white fleece was carded, rolled and prepared for the weavers by the crude methods and equipment of our forefathers. When Alpheus was thirteen years of age, the uninsured mill, which constituted the family's only source of revenue, was destroyed by fire, and the young son found it necessary to lay aside his school books and assist in supporting the other members of the household. The family, undaunted by the catastrophe, immediately selected and located upon a tract of raw undeveloped land, which in a few years yielded to the energy, skill and perseverance of the Kendalls, and became a very productive and profitable farm.

In 1870, when twenty-one years of age, Alpheus joined the Greeley colony and journeyed westward to Colorado, where three hundred and fifty members of the company settled and organized a town which they named for Horace Greeley. Upon leaving that community, Mr. Kendall visited Denver and witnessed the driving of the last spike in the construction of the transcontinental railroad. But the call to the west was uppermost in Mr. Kendal's mind, and in the fall of 1873 he stood upon the western shores of California and looked out upon the broad Pacific ocean. After a brief sojourn at Pescadero, he sought the center of population and located in San Francisco, finding employment at his trade in that city and in Oakland. He assisted in the construction of the magnificent mansions erected by Crocker, Stanford and Hopkins, who, with Mr. Huntington, were the active builders of the Central Pacific Railroad into California, and whose activity in business, politics and civic affairs constitute an important part of the history of California. From San Francisco, Mr. Kendall removed to Oakland, but some time



Alpheus Kendall



later, on account of ill health, went to Humboldt county, California and secured employment in a mill. Upon recovering his health, he returned to Oakland and was employed in the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad until the fall of 1877, when he formed a partnership with Charles A. Littlefield and engaged in the contracting business under the firm name of Littlefield & Kendall. The month of June, 1880, is an important mile post in Mr. Kendall's life, for it was then he leased a small planing mill at the corner of Second and Grove Streets, and with a cash capital of five hundred dollars and a small delivering outfit, laid the foundation which developed into an enterprise showing a clear investment of nearly three quarters of a million dollars, and to which he gave his constant and active attention until his retirement in 1912. In 1892 the mill was incorporated under the name of Pacific Coast Lumber & Mill Company. Mr. Kendall was a tireless worker and his remarkable success has been attributed in a large degree to the outstanding example he set for his employees and associates. His subordinates were always welcomed to his presence and were made to feel at liberty to discuss their own trials and tribulations, as well as the best interests of the institution of which they were made to feel a part.

In 1883 Mr. Kendall became interested in a saw mill at Blue Lake, Humboldt county, known as the Blue Lake Mill and which was later incorporated under the name of Riverside Lumber Company. He conceived the very economic idea of shipping all short material to his planing mill in Oakland, and in this way saved millions of feet of lumber from which he realized an excellent profit. The saw-mill was operated by his nephew, H. W. Jackson. Later Charles Nelson became associated with Mr. Kendall's Riverside Lumber Company, and organized the Charles Nelson Lumber Company, purchasing the business of the Corbell Lumber Company and also acquiring the Mad River railroad. The Charles Nelson Company is still in existence, Mr. Kendall still remaining one of its stockholders, with James Tyson as president and H. W. Jackson, vice president and director. In his business affairs, Mr. Kendall has met with a substantial measure of success, and in addition to his other interests, is the owner of two well improved citrus fruit ranches near Orosi, Tulare County. One of these ranches consists of one hundred and sixty acres and the other of over one hundred acres, all planted to oranges, lemons, grapefruit, grapes, alligator pears and other fruits and nuts.

When thirty-four years of age, Mr. Kendall was united in marriage to Miss Edna Bell Gould, who was born in Nova Scotia and is a daughter of James and Martha Jane (Swindell) Gould. One daughter was born of this union, Corrie Elsie Kendall, who died in 1892. In 1899 he built the comfortable and attractive home in which he lives and in which are found some particularly fine specimens of California redwood and Oregon ash,—the accumulation of careful selections over a period of many years. With his wife, he has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Alaska, the Far East and Islands of the Pacific.

Mr. Kendall has been a life long supporter of the republican party and has always manifested a keen interest in the welfare and progress of his city and community. Mr. Kendall is a close student of economics, well read and posted on all the subjects dealing with politics, business affairs and economics. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, still retaining his membership in the Blue Lodge No. 39, of Penobscot Dexter, Maine, in which he was raised. The Scottish

Rite degrees from the fourth to the thirtieth were communicated to him by Albert Pike in San Francisco in 1883, in order that Albert Pike might have the three additional and necessary members to establish a Lodge of Perfection in Oakland. Mr. Pike was one of the most prominent Masons of the country and many lodges throughout the United States are named in his honor. Mr. Kendall is now the only surviving charter member of the Oakland Lodge of Perfection and is a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, which is the next step higher than the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. He also has membership in the Mystic Shrine, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Union League Club of San Francisco; the Commercial Club, the Athens Club, and the Claremont Country Club. Honesty of purpose and fidelity to every trust and honor in every relation of life, have characterized his entire career, and he enjoys the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### HENRY B. MARLIN

Henry B. Marlin, of San Lorenzo, who has been a resident of Alameda county for three-quarters of a century, is one of its most highly esteemed citizens, for he has led an active and useful life, devoted mainly to agricultural pursuits, in which he realized a measure of success which has enabled him to practically retire from active business affairs. Mr. Marlin was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1850, and is a son of John and Eliza (Bowers) Marlin, also natives of Perry county, Pennsylvania. John Marlin became one of the pioneers of the Pacific coast, to which he came by way of the isthmus of Panama. He first located at Astoria, Washington, where, in partnership with three of his brothers, he engaged in the lumber business. In 1852 he came to Alameda county, California, and located as a squatter on a piece of land in the San Lorenzo district. He farmed there for awhile, but was finally compelled to give it up, at which time he bought one hundred and thirty-five acres near San Lorenzo, for which he paid Louis Steitz four thousand dollars. With the exception of about twenty-five acres of timber land, this was all an open field and was located about half way between San Lorenzo and Roberts' Landing. He cleared the twenty-five acres and entered actively upon the cultivation and improvement of the tract, which he devoted to general farming and the raising of vegetables. In 1863 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in San Lorenzo, for which he paid five hundred dollars down and assumed an indebtedness of eighteen thousand dollars. Thirty acres of the tract was in fruit, two acres being planted to cherries, for which he received as high as one dollar a pound. So successful was he in the management of his properties that in two years he had paid off his indebtedness and had twenty-seven thousand dollars in bank. He then bought the John B. Ford ranch, in the Mt. Eden district, for which he paid twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, and during the remainder of his life he devoted indefatigable energy to the operation of the three ranches, setting out more orchards and erecting substantial farm buildings, and met with such success in his business affairs that at the time of his death, which occurred November 2, 1878, at the age of fifty-six years, his estate was valued at one



hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Marlin was an active supporter of the republican party, but never aspired to public office. His brother, Brady W. Marlin, served as supervisor of Eden township for seventeen years. Fraternally Mr. Marlin belonged to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at San Lorenzo and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Hayward. His ranches were devoted to raising grain, vegetables and fruit, and he ran large herds of cattle and horses, in the handling of which he showed excellent judgment.

To John and Eliza (Bowers) Marlin were born the following children. Mary E., who resides in San Lorenzo, is the widow of the late Henry Smyth, one of the pioneer business men of that locality, having been a blacksmith and a manufacturer of implements, carriages and wagons. Henry B. is second of the family. Margaret is the widow of T. Armstrong and resides at Hayward; Kate, now deceased, was the wife of John Tychsen, a vineyardist of Napa county, California. Josephine became the second wife of John Tychsen and resides in Napa county. Annie, who died at San Lorenzo, at the age of twenty-seven years, married Charles Jaycox, to which union was born one child, Charles, who went down with the ill-fated "Titanic" on April 15, 1912. She was later married to Wesley Mohr, and to them was born a son, Wesley. John P. is a rancher at San Lorenzo. The mother of these children died in 1863, at the age of about thirty-six years, and subsequently Mr. Marlin married her sister, Sarah Bowers, who also is deceased.

Henry B. Marlin was reared on his father's ranch in San Lorenzo and secured a good public school education for that period. Under his father's supervision he became a good farmer and remained at home until he had attained his majority, when he went to Napa county, California, and worked on a ranch. Soon afterward he worked on a stock ranch in Nevada, where he was put in charge of five hundred head of cattle, for which work he received fifty dollars a month and board. He later cultivated a farm on shares for about one year and then went to work as a freight teamster for J. R. Pritchard, the pioneer freighter of Nevada. He drove sixteen horses on heavy freight wagons, hauling provisions and machinery to the mines at Eureka, Nevada, and bringing back bars of silver and lead from the smelters at Eureka, which were placed aboard the cars at Palisades, California, thence shipped to the wharfs, where they were loaded on vessels for England. On the death of his father, in 1878, Mr. Marlin inherited a portion of the estate and he and his brother, John P., bought out the interests of the other heirs in the home ranch of two hundred and ten acres, for which they paid five hundred dollars an acre, amounting to eighteen thousand dollars. This money was all paid before the death of their stepmother, who willed her share of the estate to Henry B. and John P. Marlin, who set out orchards and raised large quantities of fruits and vegetables. Henry B. Marlin in later years has devoted his land almost entirely to truck gardening, in which he met with very satisfactory success, and he now has the land leased, and is quietly enjoying a well earned leisure.

In 1877 Mr. Marlin was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Petersen, who was born in Denmark and is a daughter of the old pioneer, Captain Petersen, who was in command of one of Captain Roberts' vessels, shipping goods and passengers to and from Roberts Landing, which in early days was the port for San Lorenzo. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin have four children: May, the wife of Charles Case, of Piedmont, an employe of the Redwood Lumber Company, of San Francisco; Henry, store-

keeper at the county hospital on Foothill boulevard, who married Miss Naomi Kennedy and has two children; Alice, who is the wife of Budd Haley, president of the Bank of Hayward, and has two children; and Stanley, district manager for the General Petroleum Company at Hayward, who married Miss Jesse McFadden and has one child. Mr. Marlin is a member of Eden Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., one of the oldest Masonic lodges in California, and during all of the years of his residence in this community he has been recognized as one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens, giving his support to all measures for public betterment, while his social relations have been such that he has commanded the friendship and good will of all who know him. In 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Marlin celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage and the event was the occasion for a gathering of their numerous friends and the receiving of many sincere congratulations and expressions of esteem.

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### RUFUS M. WHALEY

Rufus M. Whaley, of Oakland, is rendering a high type of service to his community, for, in the capacity of assistant adult probation officer, having charge of the more extreme cases in the police and justice courts, he has been able to exert an uplifting influence over many who have been in need of encouragement and the right kind of counsel. He has had wide experience in dealing with lawbreakers and is well qualified by temperament and training for the duties which he is performing. Mr. Whaley was born in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, on the 7th of February, 1887, and is a son of Rufus M. Whaley, who served as United States marshal of the eighty-third district, comprising Indian territory, in the days when that section of the country was infested with bad men and criminals of every character, and won a high reputation as a law officer.

Rufus M. Whaley, Jr., received his educational training in the Indian Industrial University and was deputy sheriff in the first sheriff's office in Indian territory, serving in that capacity during the Crazy Snake Indian uprising. He liked that line of work and later served as deputy sheriff in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. In 1920 he came to California and in the same year was appointed deputy sheriff of Alameda county, in which office he continued for five years, when he resigned to accept his present position, to which he was appointed by the judges of the superior court. He is given the most difficult cases and enjoys his work, for it gives him a splendid opportunity for the reclaiming of the "down and out," and he has received high commendation for the splendid results which he has achieved. At the same time, he is stern and insistent where discipline is required and has proven able and resourceful in handling the cases assigned to him.

Mr. Whaley was united in marriage to Miss Lucile Shannon, of Texas, and they are the parents of a son, George. In his political views Mr. Whaley is a republican, actively interested in public affairs. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the first students' training camp, and was among the first ten thousand to volunteer. Commissioned a captain, he saw active service in France, being one of the three hundred men who were cited by General Pershing. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the United Veterans of the

Republican, and Oakland Post, No. 5, A. L., of which he is commander, this being the largest Legion post west of Nebraska. He has done much effective work in the interest of disabled veterans, in which line his efforts have been greatly appreciated. A man of earnest purpose and sterling integrity, he commands the confidence of all who know him, and particularly of those who are acquainted with the fine work he is doing, and among his associates, being a man of genial and friendly manner, he is deservedly popular.

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### WILLIAM I. MACDONALD

William I. Macdonald, who conducts a successful florist business at 453 Seventeenth street, Oakland, is one of the best known residents of this city, having for many years been actively connected with various interests in this locality, and none enjoys a greater measure of popularity than he. He has spent practically his entire life in Oakland, having been born at 1731 Broadway, near his present business location, on the 12th of January, 1880, and is a son of J. A. C. and Mary Antionette (Cavasso) Macdonald, the former a native of Weem, Scotland, while the latter was born in Mariposa county, California. They were married in Oakland. The father came to California when fourteen years of age with an uncle, Peter Thompson, who built the original house later occupied by the Adult Blind, at Thirty-sixth and Telegraph streets, Oakland. J. A. C. Macdonald engaged in the plumbing business in 1875 and his son has a photograph of the first order taken by him, in August, 1875, and also a picture of the old shop, showing his father. The latter took a deep interest in the public affairs of his city and served as a member of the city council from 1888 to 1892. He was a lieutenant in the National Guard at Oakland and about 1881 commanded the local company of light cavalry, which later became Company A of the National Guard. His death occurred October 31, 1915, as the result of an automobile accident, and his widow passed away September 30, 1927.

William I. Macdonald attended the grade and high schools of Oakland, and for about six months, was employed in a stationery store, after which he went to work for Miller, Sloss & Scott (afterwards the Pacific Hardware and Steel Company), remaining with that concern from June, 1898, until March 1, 1911, since which time he has engaged in the florist business. He carries a large line of flowers, well displayed, and by his prompt and courteous service has built up a large patronage and is meeting with very satisfactory success.

Mr. Macdonald is married and has a son, Donald Livingston, who is a successful and popular entertainer on the Kieth Albee and Orpheum circuits. In his political views Mr. Macdonald is a republican, while fraternally he has long taken an active interest in masonry, belonging to all of the York-rite bodies and is a past master of the blue lodge. His memberships are in Oakland Lodge, No. 188; Oakland Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Oakland Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; St. Philips Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; Oakland Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, A. and A. S. R.; Ahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he is the director. He is also vice president of the Shrine Directors Association of North America; is an honorary member of Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as

well as of India Temple, of Oklahoma City, and El Zaribah Temple, at Phoenix, Arizona. He also belong to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club, of which he has been a director, the Athens Club, Oakland Council National Union and St. Andrews Society. His favorite diversions in the way of sports are football, baseball and golf, in which he has long been actively interested. He ran the first reserved football trains to Palo Alto in 1925 and 1927 and has attended every Stanford-University of California game since 1896. He is an enthusiastic booster for the East Bay district and has been particularly active in promoting the commercial interests of upper Broadway, one evidence of which was his erection of the first electric sign north of Fourteenth street. In every possible way he has shown his loyalty to his city and county and his efforts to promote the interests of his community have been appreciated by his fellow citizens, among whom he is held in high regard.

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### HARRY A. BRADFORD

One of Hayward's best known and most popular citizens is Harry A. Bradford, who is now serving his second consecutive term as postmaster, in which capacity he is rendering to his community a high type of service. He was born in this city on the 3rd of October, 1886, and is a son of Alonzo and Mary (Glasscock) Bradford. He attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1905, and in 1907 he was appointed to a clerkship in the post office, where he remained for many years. During this period he received deserved promotions until he reached the position of assistant postmaster, which he was holding at the outbreak of the Mexican border troubles.

In 1909 Mr. Bradford had enlisted in Company H, Fifth Regiment California National Guard, and in September, 1912, was commissioned a first lieutenant, which rank he held until December, 1914, when he was promoted to a captaincy. He was sent to the Mexican border and took part in the punitive expedition into that country. In April, 1917, the United States having become involved in the World war, he resigned his commission and enlisted as a private in the signal corps of the United States army. He was sent to the army aviation school at Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas, where he received a commission as second lieutenant in the signal corps aviation section in 1918. In September of that year he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the air service, which rank he held until receiving his honorable discharge in 1919.

Mr. Bradford then returned to Hayward and resumed his duties as assistant postmaster but resigned three weeks later. In 1922 President Harding appointed him postmaster, and in 1926 he was recommissioned by President Coolidge and is the present incumbent of that position. He is painstaking in his attention to the proper functioning of the office, and his official record has gained for him the appreciation and respect of his fellow citizens.

On October 6, 1915, Mr. Bradford was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmenia Duchran, who is a native of San Francisco and a daughter of Emil and Emelie Duchran. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Woodmen of the World, the Rotary Club, and the

American Legion, of which he is the present commander. His record for patriotism and good citizenship, as well as his career as an able and efficient official, have gained for him a high place in public esteem, and he has a host of warm friends throughout this section of Alameda county.

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### WILLIAM W. HOFFMAN

William W. Hoffman has gained a place among the able attorneys of Oakland and is enjoying a large and steadily growing clientele. A native of Washington, he was born in Tacoma, February 2, 1893, a son of Andrew M. and Ella F. (Wakefield) Hoffman. In 1908 the family came to Oakland, where the father engaged in the drug business to the time of his retirement. He is now deceased while his widow still resides in this city.

William W. Hoffman attended the public schools of Petaluma, California, until graduated from high school and then attended the night sessions of the Golden Gate Law College, being graduated in June, 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. He was admitted to the bar February 20, 1920, and in the following year engaged in the practice of his profession in San Francisco, where he remained until 1926, when he returned to Oakland, where he has practiced to the present time, having offices at 1409 Thirty-fifth avenue. With a thorough knowledge of the law, of which he is a close and constant student, he combines a soundness of judgment and a resourcefulness which have gained for him a wide reputation as a sound and safe practitioner. He maintains a branch office in East Oakland in order to conveniently care for his business in that part of the city.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Esther C. Hastings, who was born in Watsonville, this state. He gives his political support to the republican party and maintains a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Woodmen of the World, the East Lake Kiwanis Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. He is a lover of outdoor life, hiking being his favorite form of recreation. His fine qualities and splendid personality have gained for him many warm friends and throughout the community where he lives he is held in high regard.

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### JOHN H. ALCALDE

John H. Alcalde, who conducts a well stocked and up-to-date jewelry store in San Leandro, has demonstrated his skill and ability in the technical part of his business, while as a merchant he has shown himself progressive and enterprising, and is commanding his full share of the local trade in his line.

Mr. Alcalde was born in Granada, Spain, on the 8th of March, 1900, and is a son of Antonio and Constance Alcalde, who now reside at 317 Juana avenue, San Leandro. They are the parents of five children, John H., Mary, Carmen, Frank and Fabian, all of whom are unmarried and live with their parents. When John

H. Alcalde was ten years of age, the family emigrated from their native land to the Hawaiian islands, locating on a large plantation near the city of Hilo, and there he secured his education in the public schools. He also learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed there until 1921, when the family came to California and settled in San Leandro. For a time after arriving here Mr. Alcalde was employed at various occupations in different places, and then went to work in the Staffon jewelry house on Mission street, San Francisco, where he remained until 1925, when, ambitious for an independent career, he established his present business in San Leandro, in which he is assisted by his youngest brother, Fabian. He carries a large and well selected line of goods, embracing watches, clocks, rings, other jewelry and silverware, which he keeps nicely displayed, and in the conduct of his business he has shown himself a courteous, accommodating and agreeable gentleman, giving of his best efforts to please and satisfy his customers.

Mr. Alcalde comes from an old and highly respected family of Spain and he and the members of his family have gained a high place in the esteem of the people of San Leandro. They are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Alcalde is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Institute. He is generous and public spirited and is deservedly popular throughout the community.

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### WILLIAM STEWART

Among the sturdy old pioneers of the Hayward district of Alameda county was the late William Stewart, who not only developed a splendid ranch and met with a large measure of success, but also contributed of his time and means to the improvement of his community, being a broad-minded and public-spirited man, deeply interested in the welfare of those about him.

Mr. Stewart was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1824, and was a son of David and Elizabeth (Adams) Stewart, both of whom also were natives of Glasgow. They moved to Portglenone, Ireland, where the father engaged in farming, his place being known as the White Hill farm, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives.

William Stewart was reared and educated in Ireland and in 1848 he embarked on an old sailing vessel for the United States, being three months on the voyage around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He went to the gold mines in Placer county and staked out a claim, but was unfortunate in losing the sight of one of his eyes while engaged in blasting. He went to San Francisco, where he was under the treatment of Dr. Pardee for one year, almost losing the sight of his other eye. When sufficiently recovered he went to Cull canyon and took up a tract of land, on which he engaged in farming and stock raising, improving the ranch and living there until 1893, when he removed to Hayward. Here he bought thirty-seven acres of land, a part of the old C. W. Hathaway ranch, and set out a fine apricot orchard and otherwise improved the place, developing it into one of the best ranches in the locality, and here he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred in December, 1919. His canyon ranch comprised seven hundred and forty acres, and he only gave it up because of his eyesight. When he came to this locality things





WILLIAM STEWART



were still somewhat primitive, ox teams being used in the building of roads to the ranch, but he lived to see the locality become one of the most desirable sections of the county. At one time he had an eating place on his farm to accommodate the people who traveled through here. The stage coaches took people to and from the boats which docked at East Oakland to pick up freight and passengers. In 1863 Mr. Stewart lost a large number of cattle in the great flood which followed a long period of rain. He was greatly interested in everything pertaining to the development of his community and gave the money with which was purchased the site for the Congregational church, also assisting in the building of the edifice. He was a deacon and trustee of that society and generously supported it, as he did other local benevolent enterprises. He was a republican in his political views.

In 1849, in New York, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Ann Boyce, a native of Paisley, Scotland, and a daughter of William and Nancy (Maitland) Boyce, the former of whom was a manufacturer of shawls. To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were born six children, Ann Eliza, Elizabeth, Martha A., William, David and John.

Of these Martha A. is the only survivor, and she now devotes her attention to the management of the estate. She has taken an active interest in educational affairs, having taught for seven years at Redwood Canyon, to which school she rode on horseback. She also taught in the San Lorenzo school; in the Oakland Night school and two years in Yolo county. She took upon herself the rearing and educating of the five children of her brother David J., namely: Ruth S., now Mrs. White, who is a teacher in the Pleasanton school; Gene Boyce, who is a trained nurse in the Franklin hospital, San Francisco; Ralph David, who is taking the law course in the University of California; Bruce William, who is manager of an oil and gas service station in Hayward; and Joyce Maitland, who stood at the head of her classes in high school. In addition to managing the home ranch, Miss Stewart also operates a dairy and is the owner of a fine flock of sheep, showing sound business judgment and meeting with well merited success. Because of her gracious qualities of manner and her kindly and cordial manner, she has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community.

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### HOWARD SCHRODER

Howard Schroder, of Oakland, enjoys a well merited reputation as an able and popular architect, his work being of a quality that has appealed to discriminating builders, and he now commands a large and representative clientele. He was born in San Francisco, California, on the 14th of July, 1891, and is a son of John F. and Mary (Matthews) Schroder, the former of whom was born in that city about 1857 and whose father was a native of Denmark. John F. Schroder was reared and educated in his home city and later engaged in the brick manufacturing business, in which he was successful. He and his wife are deceased.

Howard Schroder attended the public schools, graduating from high school, and then turned his attention to architecture, which he studied privately. For a few years he was employed in architects' offices, but in 1923 he opened his own office

at 354 Hobart street, Oakland, and in the practice of his profession has met with distinctive success. During the years 1923 and 1924 he made preliminary plans and estimates of the cost of new school building for the 1924 bond issue in Oakland. He has designed and planned a number of important public buildings, among which are the Lowell high school building, the Elmhurst elementary school and other schools and the Builders Exchange building, besides many wholesale and retail business blocks, in all of which he has shown an unusual aptitude for appropriate design and well planned interiors.

Mr. Schroder was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Devine, of Monterey, California, and they are the parents of three children, Ralph, Jack and Donn, the two last named being twins. In his political alignment Mr. Schroder is a republican and he is a member of the city examining board for building materials and is consulting architect for the Lakeshore avenue business district. He is a member of Lakeshore Lodge No. 551, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and belongs also to the Society of Architects of Alameda county. He has taken a deep interest in Boy Scout work and is now scout master of Piedmont troop No. 3. A man of artistic temperament and sincerely devoted to his profession, his labors have been effective in their results, and he is regarded as one of the most competent and reliable members of his profession in the East Bay district.

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### ORMAN J. EMERY

Orman J. Emery, of Alvarado, who has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a building contractor, has specialized in the construction of dairy barns, in which he is an acknowledged expert. He has been successful in his business affairs and is regarded as one of the leading men of his community. Mr. Emery was born in Maine, on the 30th of September, 1861, and is a son of Weston F. and Dianthe (Gilmond) Emery, also natives of Maine, where they were reared and married, the father there engaging in contracting and building. In 1870 they came to California, locating in San Francisco, where Mr. Emery followed the carpenter trade for two years. In 1872 he came to Alvarado and bought property, after which he continued in the contracting business here to the time of his death. His wife died at the home of her son, Orman J. Mr. Emery was a republican in his political alignment, belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church.

Orman J. Emery was about two years old when the family came to California, and secured his education in the public school at Alvarado. He learned the carpenter trade under his father and, with the exception of one year when he worked at his trade in Oregon, has lived here continuously. As a contractor and builder he has attained a worthy success, for he is thorough and painstaking in everything he does and takes a justifiable pride in the high quality of his work. He has erected many of the best buildings in this locality, but in recent years has confined his activities mainly to building dairy barns. In this field he has earned a wide reputation and his operations have extended as far as Los Angeles.

In 1895 Mr. Emery was united in marriage to Miss Margaret W. Buchanan, who was born in Alvarado, a daughter of John and Rachael (Ross) Buchanan, mentioned at length in the sketch of S. A. D. Buchanan, on another page of this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery have two children, Weston B. and Orma J. Mr. Emery gives his political support to the republican party and has always been interested in public affairs. A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for forty-four years, in his daily life he exemplifies the noble precepts of that great fraternity. Successful in business a consistent supporter of the best things in the life of the community and cordial and friendly in his social relations, he well deserves the uniform respect in which he is held by his fellowmen.

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### OSTROM BROTHERS

The material development of San Leandro received a decided impulse when the Ostrom Brothers, George T. and Alvin C., came here and started their real estate operations, which have not only been on a large scale but have been of a character that has reflected great credit on their business acumen and artistic tastes. Their properties lie in the choicest section of the city, and their enterprising and up-to-date methods have been rewarded with a commensurate measure of success.

George T. Ostrom was born in Franklin, New Jersey, while Alvin C. Ostrom was born in State Center, Iowa, and they are the sons of Rev. Alvin and Frances M. (Pierce) Ostrom, the latter of whom was a first cousin of President Franklin Pierce. The Ostrom family is of Dutch origin and in Holland was known as Van Oostrom. The father was a foreign missionary of the Congregational church and was stationed in China for many years. On his final return to the United States he was assigned to home mission work in Oakland and other parts of California, and he organized a number of congregations, serving various charges in this state. He was then sent to the Hawaiian islands and while actively engaged in the work of the ministry of the Congregational church he died there at the age of sixty-five years. He was a learned and able man, an effective worker and a consistent Christian and commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. After his death his widow returned to Oakland, California, where her death occurred. To them were born six children.

George T. and Alvin C. Ostrom were students in Hopkins Academy at Oakland when their parents went to Hawaii, and after finishing there Alvin C. entered Rutgers College, while George T. engaged in mining in western Colorado, where he was joined by his brother after the latter had completed his college course. In 1897 they went to Alaska for the purpose of engaging in gold mining, George locating at Nome and Alvin at Dawson. They returned to the States in 1901, at which time Alvin located in Oakland, while George engaged in real estate operations in Idaho. Alvin Ostrom was for seventeen years in the employ of the Key System in Oakland as a civil engineer and in June, 1925, the two brothers came to San Leandro, where they have successfully operated ever since as subdividers, builders, real estate agents and sellers of insurance. The firm consists of the two

Ostrom brothers and Edward F. Wolcott. They are the builders of the splendid new Mission apartments, at the corner of Garcis avenue and East Fourteenth street. This is an up-to-date, modern cement and brick structure, three stories high and containing seven stores and twenty-four apartments, all of which are completely furnished. They are developing the following subdivisions: The Garcia Avenue tract of ten acres; the West Broadmoor tract of ten acres, and the Franklin tract of four acres, and on these tracts they have erected forty-six houses, no two of which are alike and all of which are more than ordinarily attractive, both inside and out. In their operations they have set the pace for all who may follow them in development work, for they have neglected nothing and have in many cases sacrificed profits for the sake of utility, and those who are familiar with the scope and character of their work are loud in their praise of their progressive spirit and their genuine interest in the progress of the community.

The Ostrom brothers are members of the Chambers of Commerce at San Leandro and Oakland, and in politics they support the republican party. George T. Ostrom is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Because of their fine business record here, their culture and agreeable personalities, they have won a high place in public esteem and have made many loyal friends throughout this locality.

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#### CHARLES H. SECCOMBE

Charles H. Seccombe, of Oakland, has gained distinctive recognition as a learned, able and successful lawyer and, as a member of the firm of Seccombe & Edson, commands a large and representative clientele. He was born in Zumbrota, Goodhue county, Minnesota, January 26, 1868, and is a son of the Rev. Charles and Harriet M. (Tolman) Seccombe, both of whom were members of old New England families and are now deceased. The father was a minister of the Congregational church and was active and prominent in promoting the higher educational facilities of the west, having established Carleton College in Minnesota, of which he was the first president, and also founded Yankton College, at Yankton, South Dakota. The mother was a first cousin of Mrs. Susan B. (Tolman) Mills, founder of Mills College, Oakland, California.

Charles H. Seccombe received his elementary education in the public schools of the middle west and South Dakota, and then entered Carleton College, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892, receiving also his Master's degree from that institution in 1895. He entered Chicago Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1895, and was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational church. His church work brought him to California in 1906 and soon afterward he started the study of law privately. On April 6, 1916, at Los Angeles, he was admitted to practice and began his professional labors at Riverside, where he remained about one year, when he came to Oakland, where he has since resided and practiced law. For several years he was a member of the law firm of Dutton, Seccombe & McDonough. On the 1st of April, 1927, he formed a law partnership with Henry F. Edson, and, sensing the possibilities of the Fruitvale district of the city, they opened an office at

1354 Fruitvale avenue, where they have built up a large and steadily increasing practice.

Mr. Seccombe was united in marriage to Miss Georgia M. Luley, a native of Minnesota and also a student in Carleton College. To them have been born two children: Mrs. Dorothy Carlson, who is a matron of the Fred Finch orphanage; and Frederick T., who is in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Seccombe is a staunch republican in his political views and has always taken a keen interest in public affairs. He has frequently been urged to run for public office but has refused to do so. During the World war he was an effective Four Minute speaker and has worked and given freely of his time and talent for the advancement of the public welfare, being, particularly interested in the East Bay district. Thoroughness and diligence have characterized all his labors, professional and otherwise, and he has been loyal to principle in every relation of life, so that he is well worthy of the confidence and trust which are reposed in him by his fellowmen.

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#### ELON ARWIN ORMSBY, M. D.

One of the leading physicians of southern Alameda county is Dr. Elon A. Ormsby, of Centerville, where for over two decades he has successfully practiced the healing art, having built up a large and remunerative practice. The Doctor was born at Petaluma, California, September 8, 1870, a son of Walter Alfred and Lucy Grace (Price) Ormsby, the former born at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the latter at Waukesha, Wisconsin. His father was a watchmaker by trade and was long in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company, serving as foreman for many years. In 1868 he came to California, locating at Petaluma, where he engaged in watchmaking and where his marriage occurred. Later he became associated with his father in the operation of the first planing mill in Petaluma, but the mill and lumber yard were destroyed by fire, entailing a heavy loss. Mr. Ormsby then went to work at the Blethern & Cary mill, at First and Washington streets, in Oakland, but later resumed watchmaking, and his death occurred in that city in 1877. He was a republican in politics.

Elon A. Ormsby attended the public schools of Oakland, graduating from the old high school at Twelfth and Market streets, the first high school in that city. He then matriculated in the California Medical College, in San Francisco, and won the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1896. He engaged in the practice of his profession in Oakland, but about two and a half years later moved to Ransberg, this state, where he remained two and a half years, going from there to Concord and thence, three years later, to Linden, where he practiced two years. For the past twenty-one years the Doctor has been in Centerville and has gained a wide reputation as an able and dependable physician.

In 1897 Dr. Ormsby was united in marriage to Miss Augusta N. Rodgers, who was born in England, a daughter of Dr. Samuel and Elizabeth (Nicholson) Rodgers. She came to this country at the age of eighteen years with her parents, who located first in San Francisco, but later moved to San Diego. Her father, who was a graduate of Oxford College, England, was a physician and was on the medi-

cal staff of the Bartholomew Hospital. He has also been a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church and had built several churches in England. Dr. and Mrs. Ormsby have five children, namely, Virginia Grace, Phoebe C., Arwina Elizabeth, Arwin Elon and Dorothy Marjorie. The Doctor is a staunch republican in his political views and is ready at all times to cooperate with his fellow citizens in all movements for the betterment of the community along material, civic or moral lines. He is a member of Alameda Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Oakland. Cordial and friendly in manner, he has a wide acquaintance and commands the unqualified confidence and esteem of the entire community.

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### GEORGE ROETH

George Roeth, one of the most valued and highly esteemed citizens of Oakland, where he took up his permanent abode a half century ago, has for the past fourteen years been successfully engaged in business as proprietor of the Housewives Free Market, the largest free market in Oakland.

His birth occurred in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 8th of March, 1859, his parents being Ferdinand and Wilhelmina (Ehrenphort) Roeth, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in 1852. The father, born in 1822, was a young man of twenty years when, in 1842, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, where he embarked in business as a dry goods merchant. At the time of the Civil war his business was confiscated by the rebels, and in 1867 he removed to Kankakee, Illinois, where he carried on general merchandising until his death in 1872. His widow, who survived him, passed away at Kankakee, Illinois, in 1878. Their family numbered eleven children.

George Roeth, their fourth child, began his education in the schools of Baltimore and continued his studies in Kankakee, Illinois, for he was a lad of but eight years when the family home was established in the latter city. There he attended the grammar and high schools and assisted his widowed mother in the conduct of her business interests until he had attained the age of eighteen.

In 1878 Mr. Roeth came to California, and his arrival in Oakland was coincident with the advent of the first railroad here. He obtained employment as bookkeeper and cashier with the J. Lusk Canning Company, in the service of which concern he continued until 1884, supervising the labors of one thousand Chinamen. Subsequently he turned his attention to the box and lumber business, incorporating the Eagle Box & Manufacturing Company in 1885, and doing business at the foot of Market, Myrtle and First streets in Oakland for a period of thirty years. He also associated himself with the Great Eastern Quick Silver Mining Company, Inc. in Sonoma county, of which he is president and principal owner. Since 1914 he has managed the Housewives Free Market, which is the largest free market in Oakland, located at Washington and Sixth streets and Clay and Fifth streets. It is open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. Mr. Roeth, moreover, is actively identified with manufacturing interests in Oakland and is widely recognized as one of the city's substantial and representative business men.

In 1896 he was one of twelve citizens who organized the first manufacturer's exhibit, which was maintained for three years. The first exhibit was held in the Mills tabernacle at Twelfth and Webster streets. At the time of the earthquake and fire of 1906, Mr. Roeth was elected treasurer of the Masonic bodies and was put in charge of all the money that came to Oakland from the Masonic lodges of the different states for the relief of sufferers, and to his duties in this connection he gave his attention from six o'clock in the morning until midnight for an entire month. As president of the Union National Bank at Twelfth and Broadway streets he saved over one million dollars to depositors during the panic of 1907 and every depositor was paid in full. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he is associated with. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

On the 1st of June, 1887, Mr. Roeth was united in marriage to Louise J. Pedrini, a lady of Swiss and Italian descent, who was born at Garden Valley, Eldorado county, California. They are the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: Guglielma Louise; George R  eth, Jr., who is associated with his father in the grocery business in the Housewives Free Market building in Oakland under the firm style of Roeth & Roeth; and Eunice Dagmar, the wife of Lawrence D. Sherman.

Mr. Roeth is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Mason and a worthy exemplar of the teaching and purposes of the craft. He is a Shriner, being a member of the Aahmes Temple of Oakland, which he helped to organize. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Episcopal church and his life in every relation has been such as to commend him to the warm regard and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### GEORGE L. HOOSON

In the improvement and development of Hayward, George L. Hooson has been a prominent figure. As a cement contractor, he has done a large amount of sewer, sidewalk, road and foundation work, in which he has been highly successful. Mr. Hooson is a native of the locality in which he now lives, having been born in Hayward on the 9th of June, 1880, and is a son of Casper and Catherine (Sullivan) Hooson, the former born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and the latter at St. Johns, New Brunswick. The father and his brother George came to the United States when young men, locating in Ohio, where they worked at the carpenter trade. In 1849 Casper Hooson joined the gold rush to California, coming across the plains, and for several years worked in the mines of northern California. Later he located at Union City, Alameda county, where he was employed at the carpenter trade and also did contracting, until during the early '60s, when he moved to Hayward. Here he successfully followed the same line of business up to the time of his retirement, and his death occurred in 1902, when he was ninety-seven years of age.



His wife came to San Leandro in 1876, was married here, and her death occurred here in 1916.

George L. Hooson was reared in Hayward, where he attended the grammar school to the age of fourteen years, when he went to work for Geary & Grindell, liverymen and undertakers. He remained with that firm for fourteen years, and then went to Sacramento, where for four years he was employed by F. A. Lafferty, who operated a large livery business. Returning then to Hayward, he went to work in the livery and undertaking establishment of Sorensen Brothers, with whom he remained three years, quitting that firm to go into the cement contracting business, in which he is still engaged. He has done a vast amount of work in his line throughout this part of the county and, due to his honest and thorough workmanship and his honorable business methods, he has won not only large material success, but, what is of more value, the confidence and respect of the public.

In 1908 Mr. Hooson was united in marriage to Miss Leona L. Kerr, who is a native of Illinois, and they are the parents of one child, George W., who is a graduate of the Hayward grammar school and is now a student in St. Elizabeth's school at Oakland. Mr. Hooson takes an active part in local public affairs and is an ardent supporter of the republican party. He is a member of Cypress Camp, No. 141, W. O. W.; Eden Parlor, No. 110, N. S. G. W., Lodge No. 86, I. D. E. S.; and is also a director of the Hayward Builders Exchange. He has led an industrious life, idleness being foreign to his nature, and has so ordered his actions as to earn the sincere respect of all who know him, being regarded as one of the substantial and dependable citizens of his community.

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### JOSEPH A. TURGEON

Joseph A. Turgeon has gained a wide reputation throughout the Bay district as a decorating and painting contractor, his enviable standing in that field of business being based on the high quality of his work and his honorable methods. Mr. Turgeon was born in South Dakota, December 19, 1886, and is a son of Philip and Meridah (Patry) Turgeon, both of whom were natives of Quebec, Canada. They were reared and married in that city and later went to South Dakota, where the father engaged in farming and stock raising, carrying that business on successfully until his untimely death by drowning in the Missouri river. His widow is now living in Iowa.

Joseph A. Turgeon spent his boyhood days on his father's ranch and his early education was received in the grammar schools of that locality. He attended high school in Sioux City, Iowa, and then learned the trade of painting, which he followed there until 1911, when he came to Oakland and engaged in contracting as a painter and decorator. In this business he has met with very gratifying results, soon gaining a reputation for artistic taste and dependability, and during the intervening period has successfully handled some of the largest contracts in his line in this district, among which are the Scottish Rite temple, the California State Automobile Association building, the new Telephone building, the Pacific Gas and Electric building, the Oakland Bank building and the Medical building, as well as





JOSEPH A. TURGEON



the Medical building in Fruitvale. He does all kinds of work in his line and employs from ten to sixty men, all of whom are expert workmen. Mr. Turgeon is painstaking in his work and takes pride in rendering service which is entirely satisfactory to his customers.

In 1917 Mr. Turgeon was united in marriage to Miss Vera Entwistle, who was born in Colorado, and they are the parents of one child, Veralee. Mr. Turgeon is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in 1925 was made a member of the board of directors of the Builders Exchange. His extensive operations have made him well known throughout the northern part of Alameda county and his integrity of character and genial manner have won for him a large circle of friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### LESTER F. STERNER

Lester F. Sterner, manager of the San Leandro branch of the American Trust Company of California, has had a splendid record, embracing considerable experience in banking, and since coming to San Leandro has gained general recognition as a man well worthy of public confidence, while socially, he has won many warm friends throughout the community. Mr. Sterner was born in Delaware, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1895, and is a son of Professor J. F. and Daisy (Sanderson) Sterner, also natives of Ohio. The father was formerly a teacher of commerce, accounting and penmanship at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, but is now a member of the faculty of Heald's Business College in Sacramento, California, to which city he went in 1913.

Lester F. Sterner spent his boyhood and youth in Tiffin, Ohio, where he attended the public and high schools and had one year in Heidelberg Academy. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Sacramento and also attended the high school in that city one year, when it became necessary for him to go to work. Entering the employ of a Sacramento firm, he became a traveling salesman for farm implements, his territory embracing the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. He later worked as a reporter for R. G. Dun & Company, in which capacity he covered Sacramento, Butte and Tehama counties, and subsequently he became a real estate salesman for the Nathan & Michael Company, of Sacramento, but later was prevailed upon by the Dun company to reenter its service. He was sent to Oakland and soon afterwards was put in charge of that firm's business in Berkeley and northern Oakland. He had been with that company about one year when he walked into the First Savings Bank of Oakland to learn something regarding a certain case which he was investigating. He was offered a position by that bank, and, resigning his position with R. G. Dun, he became a teller in the bank in 1920. The First Savings Bank was affiliated with the First National Bank of Oakland, both being controlled by Mr. Bowles, who owned the American National Bank of San Francisco. Mr. Sterner remained with the savings bank for two years, filling positions in every department, and when the Bowles banks were merged into the American Bank, in 1922, Mr. Sterner was appointed manager of the Diamond branch of the American Bank at Oakland. In 1924 he was sent by Mr. Bowles to

San Leandro as assistant manager of the branch bank at this place and on March 1, 1928, was appointed manager.

On March 17, 1917, in San Francisco, Mr. Sterner was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Wilson, a native of Ohio who was a classmate of his at Tiffin. To them has been born a daughter, Phyllis. Mr. Sterner is a republican in politics and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is now serving as a member of the San Leandro board of education, to which he was elected in 1927, is a member of the Kiwanis Club, of which he is president, and has served as a director of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sterner has served in the military forces of his country, having been with the United States Army in Mexico in 1916, serving six months at Nogales. Mrs. Sterner is a prominent member of the Alta Mira Club and the Women's Club of San Leandro and both are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Sterner has been loyal and true to every interest with which he has been identified and has shown a high type of business ability, being a man of cool judgment and discretion, and is rendering effective and able service in the position which he holds. He has consistently supported the best interests of his community and is numbered among its most highly regarded citizens.

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### LEON C. FRANCIS

Colonel Leon C. Francis, one of the highly respected citizens of Oakland, is ably and efficiently filling the responsible position of county jailor. He has a long and honorable military record and is in every respect well qualified for the post which he now occupies. Born in Portland, Oregon, on the 11th of July, 1878, he is a son of Albion and Ella (Chapman) Francis, both of whom crossed the plains in 1852, the Francis family locating in Oregon City in the Willamette Valley of Oregon and the Chapmans in Washington, of which localities they were pioneers. Albion Francis and Ella Chapman became students in the Oregon State University, at Salem, where they met and were married. The father became a musician and in 1896 removed to Oakland, where he followed his profession to the time of his death, in 1902. He is survived by his widow, who now resides at Pacific Grove.

Leon C. Francis was educated in the public schools of Portland, Oregon, graduating from high school, after which engaged in the piano business for a number of years. He was long a member of the National Guard, having been captain of Company A of the One Hundred and Fifth Infantry, which afterwards became the Fifty-ninth California Regiment, in which he was promoted to the rank of major, and when the Mexican border trouble arose and the regiment was ordered south he was commissioned lieutenant colonel and afterwards, colonel. He continued in command of the regiment during the World war, but was not ordered overseas. After the war he was retired, with the rank of brigadier, and on January 3, 1927, was appointed to his present position as county jailor. His previous army experience has been valuable to him, as he is accustomed to handling men, and in his relations with the prisoners of the jail he has shown an earnest desire to be of real help to them in encouraging them to make a new start and be real men. His efforts have not

been without results and have been greatly appreciated not only by the people of whom he has charged but by all others interested in reclaiming human derelicts.

Colonel Francis was united in marriage to Miss Mary Peters, a native of California, and they are the parents of six children, Albin F., Ramona, Dorothy (the wife of Harry L. Hoffman, Jr.), Chester, Lureil and Robert. The Colonel is a republican in his political views, and is a member of the republican state central committee. He belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Sciots, the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, and the Sheriff and Police Association. He has shown a helpful interest in Alameda county, standing for those things which are calculated to advance the public welfare, and his loyalty, splendid service and excellent personal qualities have won for him a high place in the esteem and respect of his fellowmen.

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### STANLEY R. STERNE

Stanley R. Sterne, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Oakland since 1914, was born in Mariposa county, California, on the 26th of April, 1883, and is a son of Joseph A. and Elizabeth (Phillips) Sterne. The father came across the plains to California in 1850, while the mother was brought by her parents to this state in infancy. The father engaged in mining for a number of years and later served as a deputy sheriff. His death occurred in 1890 and he is survived by his widow.

Stanley R. Sterne attended the public schools, graduating from the Berkeley high school in 1907, and then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1912. He next attended the law school of his alma mater and was graduated in 1914, with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, and on his admission to the bar engaged in the practice of his profession, to which he has since been closely devoted. He is a constant student of his profession and is regarded as thoroughly dependable, giving his best effort to every cause entrusted to him. He is an active supporter of the republican party, is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Berkeley and belongs to the California State Bar Association.

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### GEORGE WALTER KAVANAGH

George W. Kavanagh, the capable and efficient manager of the Rosenberg Company, at Hayward, has been a resident of this locality for thirty years and is numbered among its most highly respected citizens. He was born at Vallejo, this state, on the 2nd of July, 1872, and is a son of John P. and Johanna (McDonald) Kavanagh, the former of whom was born in Rochester, New York, and the latter at Kinsale, Ireland. The father came to California in 1850 by way of the Isthmus of Panama and for several years was engaged in mining in the northern part of the state. Later he became foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad at Cape Horn,

where tunnels were being constructed, and in a powder blast in one of the tunnels he received serious injuries, from which he eventually recovered. Afterward he located at Vallejo, where he was employed as a ship carpenter, and his death occurred there in 1907, when he was eighty years of age. While mining in California he was married and is survived by his widow, who is now eighty-seven years old. He was independent in his political views, though a man of strong opinions on the issues of the day, and in 1880 he was a candidate on the workingmen's ticket.

George W. Kavanagh was reared to the age of fifteen years in Vallejo, where he secured a good education in the public schools. Going then to San Luis Obispo county, this state, he engaged in farming, following that occupation until twenty-five years old, when he entered the University of California. In 1898 he came to Hayward and for awhile engaged in teaming. Later he became a dealer in hay, grain and building material, which business he conducted until 1911, when he sold out to the Rosenberg Company, the present owners, and was at that time made manager, in which capacity he is still serving. He has devoted his efforts closely to the business, which has enjoyed a successful career, the volume of sales increasing steadily through the years until this is now one of the leading concerns in its line in this part of Alameda county. The building which has been occupied by the present business for so many years was at one time utilized as a grammar school, the first in the state, the timbers for which were cut in the forests of Maine and brought around the Horn to San Lorenzo in 1850. In it many of Hayward's now prominent people secured their early education and it is regarded as one of the landmarks of the neighborhood.

In 1900 Mr. Kavanagh was united in marriage to Miss Lola Gibson, who was born in Sweetwater, Texas, and is a daughter of George L. and Margaret (Basham) Gibson. To them have been born three children, Walter J., Joseph McDonald and Lola Katherine.

Mr. Kavanagh has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and has shown a proper interest in local public affairs, having served as a member of the board of town trustees. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a man of good business ability, is energetic and progressive in his methods and has shown himself well qualified for the position which he holds. He is regarded as a man of sterling character, and his record has gained for him the unqualified esteem of all who have been brought in contact with him, for he is courteous, accommodating and honorable in all of life's relations.

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### JOHN W. COLLIER

Among the members of the Alameda county bar John W. Collier, of Oakland, commands a high measure of respect because of his learning and ability as a lawyer and his effective service as deputy city attorney. He is a native of Oakland, where born on the 22nd of July, 1894, and is a son of John J. and Annie (Mansfield) Collier. His father was a native of Ireland, from which country he came to California in 1874, while his mother, who was also born in Ireland, was brought to this

state in her young girlhood. She died in 1906 and is survived by her husband, who is now serving as deputy sheriff of Alameda county.

John W. Collier attended the public and night schools, after which he was a student in St. Mary's College, in this city. He then took up the study of law during his spare time, while employed in various ways, and in 1917 was admitted to the bar. Immediately afterward he enlisted in the United States field artillery for service in the World war, and was sent overseas, where he served ten months. He was honorably discharged in New York city in June, 1919, after which he returned to Oakland and at once opened a law office, here practicing his profession continuously since. In August, 1927, he was appointed deputy city attorney of Oakland, in which position he is still serving. He is an earnest and painstaking practitioner, loyal to the interests of his clients, and his record has gained for him an enviable standing in public regard.

Mr. Collier was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Crafts, of Bakersfield, California, and they are the parents of a son, John W., Jr. Mr. Collier is a republican in his political alignment and has shown a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of Athens Parlor, No. 195, N. S. G. W., of which he is a past president; Oakland Lodge, No. 324, L. O. O. M.; Oakland Post, No. 5, American Legion, and past county commander of the Legion in Alameda county. He also belongs to the Forty and Eight, of which he is a past chef de guerre. He has been loyal and true in every relation of life and well merits the confidence which is accorded him by all who know him.

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#### MRS. BEATRIX C. BERINGER

No resident of San Leandro is more highly regarded or is received more cordially in its best social circles than is Mrs. Beatrix C. Beringer, who, with her daughter, Mrs. Vera Espee, and her granddaughters, Misses Marie and Myra Espee, came to make their permanent home here in 1926. Well educated and a successful professional woman for a number of years, Mrs. Beringer is also possessed of high artistic talent in both literature and music, and since coming here has gained a high place in the esteem of all who know her.

Mrs. Beringer was born and reared in New York state and is a daughter of Professor A. and Emma Koelling, both of whom were very prominent in music circles, the latter as a singer of note. Professor Koelling was a teacher, composer and artist and served for a number of years as professor of music in Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York. The family moved to Chicago and finally to Los Angeles. Among Professor Koelling's pupils was Walter Damrosch. In Chicago he became a member of the famed Theodore Thomas Orchestra, in which he was a leading performer for thirty years. He was a composer of excellent music, a number of his compositions being real gems and well received by music lovers. Both parents are now deceased, the father dying in Los Angeles in 1913, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother passing away in 1918.

Mrs. Beringer received her elementary and preparatory education in Illinois and made such progress that at sixteen years of age she was able to matriculate in

the medical school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which she was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1895. She practiced her profession successfully for many years, and, being possessed of an artistic temperament and gifted with an excellent soprano voice, she did considerable work as a soloist in oratorios, concerts and recitals. Since the advent of the moving picture business she has also done a considerable amount of scenario writing, her work, which has been well received by the producers, appearing under a nom de plume. She is broad and liberal in her views, particularly as to religious matters, and, like her father, believes in a Creator because of the fact of creation, while in her faith she is strongly inclined to theosophy, of which she is a close and careful student. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Amaranth and has recently become a member of the Alta Mira Club of San Leandro. A woman of strong personality, gracious and tactful in manner, and with a keen sense of the artistic in all of her surroundings, she has made a distinct impress on the community, and her popularity is only limited by the extent of her acquaintance.

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#### BURTON JACKSON WYMAN

Burton J. Wyman, United States referee in bankruptcy at Oakland, is recognized as a lawyer of sound learning, marked ability and distinctive success, standing high in the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of the public. He was born in Pepperell, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, on the 22nd of December, 1879, and came with the family to California in 1888, locating in Paso Robles. Mr. Wyman received a public and high school education and after his removal to Oakland in 1899 he attended school here for a short time. In 1902 he engaged in newspaper work as a reporter on the Morning Times, and later was with the San Francisco Bulletin. In the mean time he was devoting all of his spare time to the study of law and on taking the bar examination was admitted to practice. He has given his attention closely to his professional work, building up a large practice and gaining a reputation as a safe and reliable attorney, and since September 3, 1926, has been rendering able and satisfactory service as referee in bankruptcy.

Mr. Wyman was united in marriage to Miss Eva A. Fulton, who was born and reared in Oakland. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the California State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Because of his professional success, his sterling citizenship and his genial personal qualities, he commands the respect and good will of his fellow-men and is deservedly popular among his associates.

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#### WILLIAM WALTER BRADLEY

William W. Bradley has had a very successful career as a realtor and is numbered among Oakland's most progressive and reliable business men. Moreover, no citizen of Oakland has shown a more loyal and helpful spirit in affairs relating



to the upbuilding and development of the city than he. Mr. Bradley was born in Winnipeg, Canada, September 29, 1886, and is a son of Benjamin and Mamie (McPherson) Bradley. His father is now deceased and is survived by his widow, who still resides in Winnipeg.

William W. Bradley attended the public schools and from his eleventh to his fifteenth year handled newspaper routes, both mornings and evenings, thus early learning the lessons of industry and stability. On coming to the United States he obtained employment as a clerk in a shoe store, which work he followed until 1907, when he came to Oakland and became connected with the real estate business as a salesman on subdivisions. In this he found a congenial field and in 1919 established his present business on Piedmont avenue, since which time his success has been continuous. He confines his efforts to the brokerage business, has won an important clientele and has handled a large number of important deals, including some of the most valuable property in the city. His success is noteworthy from the fact that he had but little capital to start with and he paid but sixty dollars for the business interests of Mills & Smith, whom he succeeded. However, his close and intelligent direction of his affairs has brought commensurate results and today he is regarded as one of the leading realtors of Oakland.

Mr. Bradley was united in marriage to Miss Lilian Henrietta Wilson, a native daughter of California. He is a republican and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athens Club and the Oakland Real Estate Board, of which he is a director, and is president of the Piedmont Merchants Association. In the conduct of his business he has displayed sound judgment, has adhered to the highest business ethics and has commanded the respect and esteem of all who have had dealings with him.

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### HOMER W. BUCKLEY

Homer W. Buckley, who is rendering able service as deputy city attorney of Oakland, is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger members of the Alameda county bar, his record thus far having stamped him as possessing in marked degree the essential qualities of the successful lawyer, and he has earned the respect of his professional brethren and the confidence of the public. Mr. Buckley was born in Morgan, Bosque county, Texas, on March 16, 1900, and is a son of J. E. and Beulah (Randal) Buckley, who have resided in Los Angeles, California, since 1909. He secured his elementary education in the public schools of Los Angeles, graduating from high school in 1918 and then enlisted in the Signal Corps of the United States Army. He was in training camps until the close of the World war, after which he entered the University of California at Los Angeles, which he attended two years, completing his classical course by graduation, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1924. He then entered the law school of his alma mater, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1926. He was admitted to the bar and in March of that year was appointed to his present position as deputy city attorney of Oakland. He has had abundant scope for the exercise of his knowledge and ability and his service has been eminently satisfactory.

In his political views Mr. Buckley is a democrat but he gives his support in local elections to the men who in his judgment are best qualified for the offices they seek. He is a member of the Beta Theta Phi college fraternity, the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, the California State Bar Association and the American Legion. Candid and straightforward in manner, cordial and friendly in his social relations and loyal to the highest ideals of his profession, he has become popular among his acquaintances and many warm friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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#### DEAN O. LIPPI

For many years Dean O. Lippi has been one of the prominent figures in automobile circles of central California and is now enjoying gratifying success as the Ford representative in Oakland, where he has built up a large business, due to his progressive ideas and sound methods. Mr. Lippi was born in San Francisco, California, on the 19th of October, 1896, and is a son of Orlando and Rose (De Alberto) Lippi, both of whom were natives of Italy, the father born in Florence and the mother in Piedmont. Orlando Lippi was reared and educated in his native land and when eighteen years of age came to the United States, locating in San Francisco. In Italy he had learned the trade of sculptor in wood, but after coming to this country became superintendent of the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company, in which position he served for thirty-three years, when he was retired on a pension. His death occurred in 1922, at the age of sixty years. He was very active in behalf of the Italian colony of San Francisco, particularly in the interest of the Italian school and the Red Cross work, and, in recognition of his effective labors, the King of Italy knighted him a Chevalier of the Italian Court. He was a republican in his political views and was a loyal citizen of his adopted country, commanding the respect of all who knew him. He was a member of the Ancient United Order of Druids, in which he had passed through the chairs, and also held all the chairs in the Societa Operaia Italiana.

Dean O. Lippi spent his boyhood in San Francisco, where he attended the public schools and took a commercial course in Heald's Business College. He went to work for the William L. Hughson Company, dealers in Ford cars, where he served an apprenticeship in the shop and parts departments, while later he was transferred to the sales department, giving special attention to the sale of Federal trucks. In 1916 he was made office manager of the San Francisco branch, in which position he continued until November, 1917, when he was made assistant manager of the branch at Seattle, Washington. The same month, however, he enlisted for service in the World war, joining the Third Oregon Regiment, but was later transferred to the One Hundred and Sixty-second Machine Gun Company. He was sent overseas, arriving in France December 29, 1917, where he remained until July, 1919, a part of the time in the intelligence service, and on his return to this country was honorably discharged. He at once resumed his former position as assistant manager at Seattle, remaining there until 1921, when he was recalled to San Francisco as assistant to the general manager for San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland and Seattle, with headquarters in the first-named city. In 1923 the Lincoln



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car was added to their line and Mr. Lippi was made manager of the Lincoln department at San Francisco, and when the Lincoln was transferred to a separate sales department Mr. Lippi was made general sales manager and traveling auditor, which relations he sustained until December, 1926, when he resigned and, coming to Oakland, bought the William L. Hughson branch in this city, to the management of which he has since devoted his attention. This agency has been in existence since 1913 and is one of the best known automobile establishments in the East Bay district. It is located on the northwest corner of Twenty-fourth street and Broadway, where Mr. Lippi has eleven thousand six hundred square feet of floor space. He carries a full line of Ford cars and has an unusually complete stock of Ford parts, to the value of about thirty thousand dollars, while all of the machinery and tools in the repair department are of the most modern type. Mr. Lippi shows his enterprising and up-to-date spirit in the fact that he is the only Ford dealer here giving night repair service, a fact that has been greatly appreciated by car owners.

In 1919, soon after returning from France, Mr. Lippi was united in marriage to Miss Eda Norma Scatena, who was born in San Francisco and is a daughter of Martino and Josephine (De Martini) Scatena, the former born in Italy and the latter in San Francisco. Mr. Scatena arrived in San Francisco in young manhood and became president of the Roma Wine Company. He met with success and is now living retired at the age of seventy-six years. The mother died in 1913, at the age of forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Lippi have two sons, Richard Dean, aged seven years, who is attending the Crocker Highland school in Oakland, and Robert Orlando, aged three and a half years. Mr. Lippi gives his political support to the republican party and has shown interest in public affairs, giving his support to all measures calculated to advance the business and civic welfare of his locality. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion, the Lions Club and the Press Club, all in Oakland. His record has stamped him as a man of unusual business capacity and he is widely recognized as one of the most capable and efficient automobile men of the Bay cities. Cordial and friendly in manner, he has a wide acquaintance and all who know him hold him in the highest regard.

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### WILLIAM J. GANNON

William J. Gannon has filled a large place in the business and civic life of San Leandro, having for a number of years been active in banking circles, and has in a very capable and satisfactory manner filled several municipal offices, being at this time city recorder. Mr. Gannon was born in San Leandro, California, on the 23rd of September, 1877, and is a son of highly respected pioneer residents of this locality. He secured his early education in the public schools of San Leandro, later attending St. Ignatius College in San Francisco. He then devoted his attention to the study of law, and, after passing the state bar examination, was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts. He served as city clerk of San Leandro; later filled the office of city treasurer, and in 1918 was appointed city recorder and elected a justice of the peace, to which offices he has repeatedly been reelected, and

is now the incumbent of both offices. He attends to his municipal duties and also maintains his justice office in the Masonic building.

In 1925 Mr. Gannon organized the San Leandro National Bank and served as its president until it was sold to and merged with the Bank of Italy in March, 1927. The State Bank of San Leandro, which was organized in 1911, was taken over by the Bank of Italy in August, 1927. Both of these banks now constitute the San Leandro branch of the Bank of Italy.

In 1912 Mr. Gannon was united in marriage to Miss Jane L. Read, who was born in San Francisco, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Ann. Mr. Gannon is a staunch republican in his political affiliation and has been active in support of his party, being at the present time a member of the republican state central committee. A man of unquestioned integrity and sound judgment in practical matters, he has long been influential in the financial and business affairs of his community. As a lawyer, he is well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence and is particularly well qualified for the office of justice of the peace, in which he has made a splendid record, while his performance of the duties of the various offices which he has filled has gained for him the commendation of his fellow citizens. Personally he is a man of cordial and affable manner and is deservedly popular throughout the range of his acquaintance.

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#### WILLIAM REED BROWN, D. C.

The science of Chiropractic, as a means of maintaining and restoring health has made marvelous strides and is now numbered among the leading systems of healing, having grown rapidly in public favor. Hayward is fortunate in having in its midst a capable and progressive Chiropractor, Dr. William R. Brown, whose efficiency and ability have gained for him a large and steadily increasing practice. The Doctor was born at Oroville, Butte county, California, and is a son of Horace H. and Sarah E. (Bragger) Brown, both of whom were born in Maine, the father near Vasselborough and the mother near Bangor. Both parents came to California when young and were married in Butte county, where Mr. Brown was engaged in farming and stock raising.

Dr. Brown spent his boyhood at Oroville, where he acquired a good public school education, after which he attended Heald's Business College in Oakland. On his graduation he took up accounting, which he followed for a time, and then became private secretary and confidential agent for John D. Martin, the well known oil operator, with whom he remained for eight years. He then entered the California Chiropractic College, in San Francisco, and was graduated with the degrees of Doctor of Chiropractic and Philosopher of Chiropractic in 1919. At once he engaged in the practice of his profession, opening an office in the Beacon building in Oakland. Later he bought a home on E street, Hayward, and commuted to Oakland until 1920, when he moved his office to the Hauschildt building, at 1088 B street Hayward. He met with very encouraging success and two years later he bought a lot at 563 Main street, on which he erected a two-story brick building, the second floor of which is devoted to his offices, while the lower floor is occupied by a cafe-

teria. He has a well furnished office, equipped in every respect for his professional work, including the best electrical apparatus, to which he has recently added ultra violet and infra-red ray machines. He has shown himself a master of his profession, having had remarkable success in the treatment of disease, many of his best cures having been attained in cases which had failed to respond to other methods of treatment. He is the first chiropractor to locate in Hayward and his record has gained for him a firm place in public confidence and respect.

Dr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Cantlin, who is a native of this state and a daughter of Dennis L. and Lillie Cantlin. The Doctor is a member of the Marysville Lodge, No. 783, B. P. O. E.; California Parlor, No. 1, N. S. G. W. and the Neighbors of Woodcraft. He is also a member of the Progressive Chiropractors Association, Inc., is licensed to practice in California and Nevada, and is closely devoted to his profession. Personally, he is cordial and friendly in manner, and has made a large number of warm and loyal friends throughout this section of the county.

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### CHESTER A. GOSSETT

Chester A. Gossett, the high quality of whose work as a contractor and builder is visible in many of the best residences in San Leandro and elsewhere in Alameda county, has gained a worthy reputation as a capable and successful business man and holds a leading place among the representative citizens of his community.

He was born on a farm in Douglas county, Oregon, on the 2d of March, 1886, and is a son of Joseph H. and Amanda (Hinkle) Gossett, the latter of whom died in February, 1893. Both parents were natives of the state of Indiana, where they were reared and married. In 1881 they came west and located on a large ranch near Oakland, Douglas county, Oregon, where they lived until after the mother's death, and the father, who is still actively engaged in business, now lives in San Leandro.

After the death of his mother, Chester A. Gossett went to live with an aunt in Portland, Oregon, but later moved to the gold mining district of Placer county, California, where he attended the public schools. During the period between his thirteenth and eighteenth years he spent about half of his time with an aunt in San Francisco, and there attended the San Francisco Business College. While a young man in that city he formed the acquaintance of Albert S. Weaver, who organized the State Bank of San Leandro, of which he was president for many years, and a strong friendship sprang up between the two men. Though never a partner or officially connected with Mr. Weaver's bank, Mr. Gossett formed a favorable opinion of San Leandro and decided to permanently locate here. He had learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he was employed for a number of years in San Francisco, and in 1920 he came to San Leandro and started an independent career as a contractor and builder. Success attended him from the beginning and during subsequent years he has built up a large and prosperous business. Among the larger contracts handled by him is the Presbyterian church edifice on Estudillo street, San Leandro, which he erected in 1925, and the Duarte building, now occupied as the Ford garage in San Leandro. However, Mr. Gossett has specialized

in the building of bungalows and two-story residences, some twenty-five or thirty of which he erected in the Lake Merritt neighborhood at Oakland, and about a like number in San Leandro, among which is his own attractive and comfortable home at 327 Davis court. He is an expert workman and insists on the highest quality of workmanship on the part of the men whom he employs, so that he fulfills his contracts to the entire satisfaction of those who have dealings with him. Mr. Gossett is also a member of the firm of Gossett & Ryland, his partner being Joe H. Ryland, and they conduct a successful real estate and insurance business at 570 East Fourteenth street, San Leandro, where he also has his contracting office.

In May, 1910, in San Francisco, Mr. Gossett was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Taggard, who was born and reared in that city, and to them have been born six children, namely: Elmira A., who is a senior in the Hayward high school; Chester F., who is a student in the San Leandro high school; Jean R., Clifford H. and Allison E., who are attending grammar school; and Gilbert B., who is two and a half years old.

Mr. Gossett is a member of Eden Lodge No. 113, A. F. & A. M., of which he is junior warden; Eden Chapter, R. A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Gossett is a past worthy matron. He has long been an active member of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. Both are earnest members of the Community church of San Leandro, his name appearing on the records as chairman of the board which organized the congregation as a community church under the auspices of the Congregational denomination. He is interested in all that has to do with public progress, and his aid and influence are given in support of advancement and improvement. He is a man of substantial worth, a splendid type of American manhood and citizenship, and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### FRANK T. KENNEDY

Frank T. Kennedy has long been a prominent figure in general contracting circles in Oakland and bears a high reputation as a man of enterprising spirit and correct business principles. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of October, 1876, and is a son of Frank T. and Elizabeth (Ochner) Kennedy, both of whom are deceased. The father was for many years a contracting freight agent on the New York Central and Lake Erie & Western Railroads. The son was educated in the public and high schools of Pittsburgh and then learned the trade of carpenter, which line of work he followed for a number of years in various large cities of the east.

In 1900 Mr. Kennedy came to California, locating first in San Francisco, where he remained for two years, afterward working in various places in this state. In 1906 he located in Oakland and in the following year entered the general contracting business. During the subsequent years he has erected many of the largest and most important buildings in this locality, among which may be mentioned the Traction building, Plaza building, the Melo Hotel, the California building and the Post-Enquirer buildings. His work has stood the test of time, and he has been found to



be absolutely trustworthy in every engagement or contract into which he enters.

Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Nicholson, a native of this state. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Kiwanis Club; and the Athens Club. He is a lover of outdoor life, being particularly fond of hunting and fishing in the mountains. He spends his summer months on his fine ranch of one hundred and sixty acres at Lafayette and greatly enjoys his life there. He is a man of fine personality and is deservedly popular throughout his range of acquaintance.

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### ALBERT NORRIS

Albert Norris, who for thirteen years has given able and satisfactory service as postmaster at Alvarado, had a long and successful career as an educator, in which he earned a high reputation, and he commands the respect of all who know him. He was born in Farmington, Iowa, on the 25th of February, 1851, and is a son of Robert and Rebecca Ann (Ray) Norris, the former of whom was born in Coshoc-ton, Ohio, in 1827, while the latter was a native of Tennessee. Robert Norris accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa in 1839, and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and also ran a distillery. In 1848 he was married there. In 1852 he decided to join the gold rush to California and with one man started across the plains with two horses and a wagon, joining an emigrant train where Omaha, Nebraska, is now located. There he was overtaken by his wife, who had decided to accompany him, bringing with her her two children. After they had crossed the Rocky mountains the company divided, one group going to Oregon, while the remainder went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where the Robert Norris family spent the winter. In the spring of 1853 they joined a new train of emigrants, headed by Mormons, for Russian River, California, but Mr. Norris took his family on to Eldorado county, ten miles southeast of Placerville. There he engaged in mining for eight years, their home being at Newtown, and later he bought a farm in Pleasant valley, two miles from Newtown. On a corner of this property there was a large hotel, which he conducted with success because of the heavy travel through that section of the state. Mr. Norris lived at that place during the remainder of his life, his death occurring November 14, 1907, when he had reached the age of eighty years and eight months. His wife died there in 1889. He was a democrat in politics and was a man of sterling character, commanding the respect of all who knew him.

Albert Norris spent his boyhood in the mining district where his father had located and attended the schools of the neighborhood. In 1867, at the age of sixteen years, he left home and went to work in a sawmill. In the following year he joined a company of twenty-two men and went to Silver City, Idaho, where he remained four and a half years. In 1872 he went to San Francisco, where he took a commercial course in Heald's Business College, and later had charge of the book department for A. Roman & Company, at 11 Montgomery street. For two years he was engaged in the selling of Mark Twain's books and other subscription works. Sub-

sequently he was in the grocery business at Sutter and Dupont streets, but two years later, because of the seven per cent discount on silver, he quit that business and became a bookkeeper for the Sierra Flume & Lumber Company, at Chico, California. He was with that concern for two years, and then taught school in Pleasant valley for eight years, during which time he served eight terms as justice of the peace, holding his court in the schoolroom and there performing the marriage ceremonies which united a number of his pupils. From there he went to Colfax, California, where he served as principal of the school for nine years, and during four years of that time was president of the board of education.

In 1898 Mr. Norris came to Alvarado, Alameda county, as principal of the school and filled that position in a very satisfactory manner for ten years, when his health broke down and he spent ten months in a sanitarium. On June 20, 1915, he was appointed postmaster at Alvarado and has served in that position continuously to the present time. He has given painstaking attention to the performance of his duties, and the patrons of the office have greatly appreciated the splendid service which he has rendered.

In 1875, in San Francisco, Mr. Norris was united in marriage to Miss Rosalie D. Colman, and to them have been born six children, Albert M.; William H.; Oliver P.; Lester, deceased; Joseph and Alma Rose. Mr. Norris has always supported the republican party and has been interested in public affairs, particularly such as have related to the prosperity and welfare of his community. In 1872 in Idaho Mr. Norris was made a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to which he still belongs. He stands as a splendid type of American citizenship, true and loyal in every relation of life, and is well worthy of the respect and esteem which are accorded him.

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### ANTHONY JOHN ROSSI

Great credit is due the man who starts in the world unaided and by sheer force of will, controlled by correct principles, forges ahead and reaches a position of independence and honor among his fellowmen. Such has been the record of Anthony J. Rossi, who, through persistent and determined effort, has become one of the leading florists and most highly esteemed citizens of Oakland. He was born at Volcano, Amador county, California, on the 18th of June, 1880, and is a son of Angelo and Madaline Rossi. His father came to California in the '50s and, going to Amador county, worked at hydraulic mining. In the course of time he established a grocery store, but met with heavy loss in its destruction by fire. His death occurred in that county and in 1890 the family moved to San Francisco, where the mother's death occurred in 1909.

Anthony J. Rossi attended the public schools of San Francisco, but was early compelled to go to work. At the age of eleven years he began his connection with the florist's business, at which he was employed in that city until the earthquake of April, 1906. On the following day he came to Oakland, of which city he has been a resident ever since. After being employed by florists for a number of years, he embarked in business on his own account in 1916, and, through the exercise of

sound judgment, has been enabled to realize splendid success. He has a well equipped establishment at 3460 East Fourteenth street, and also maintains another shop in the Elks block, on Broadway. He carries a large and complete line of flowers of all kinds and makes a specialty of floral pieces, suitable to any occasion for which they may be desired. Courteous and accommodating, fair in his dealing, and rendering prompt and efficient service, he is now firmly established in the confidence of the public and is now enjoying a large and steadily increasing trade.

Mr. Rossi was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude O'Connor, and to them have been born five children, namely, Ernest, Harold, Antoinette, Clyde, and Frank, who died when one year old. Mr. Rossi gives his political support to the republican party, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Kiwanis Club. In 1900 he became a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, assisting in the organization of Fruitvale Parlor, and Mrs. Rossi is a past president of Fruitvale Parlor, N. D. G. W. Though his individual affairs make heavy demands on his time and attention, Mr. Rossi has not been unmindful of his obligations to his community, the interests of which he supports in every possible way. Of genial and friendly manner, he has made many loyal friends throughout his locality and is numbered among its most highly respected citizens.

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#### PIERRE ANTHONY FONTAINE

Prominent among the members of the bar of Alameda county is Pierre A. Fontaine, of Oakland, who has been actively engaged in the practice of law here for a score of years, during which period he has won a high reputation as an able and successful attorney. Mr. Fontaine has been a lifelong resident of Oakland, his birth having here occurred on the 23d of August, 1886, and is a son of Pierre and Marie (Berges) Fontaine, both of whom were natives of France. His father, who was born May 16, 1836, was a grandson of General Anthony Fontaine, who served under Napoleon Bonaparte, and was a descendant of the great French fable writer and poet, LaFontaine, the prefix "La" being discontinued during the French revolution. Mr. Fontaine's mother, who was born September 27, 1865, was descended from a family of the old nobility of southern France.

Pierre A. Fontaine attended the public schools of Oakland, and after his graduation from high school entered the law school of Yale University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law, December 12, 1907. He continued his studies at the Sorbonne University, Paris, France, and was admitted to the bar of California on April 28, 1908, since which time he has devoted his attention closely to the practice of law. He maintains offices in the Oakland Bank building and commands a large and lucrative practice, having been connected as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this county. A forceful and determined trial lawyer and a sound and reliable office counselor, he has been consistently successful in practice, and commands the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of the public.

On June 5, 1912, in Oakland, Mr. Fontaine was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Virginia Lahr, who was born in this city June 26, 1890, and they are the

parents of two children, Pierre Anthony, Jr., who is now fourteen years of age, and Barbara, twelve years of age. Mrs. Fontaine is a member of the Orinda Club and is popular in social circles. Mr. Fontaine is a republican in his political views and has shown an active interest in public affairs. His religious belief is that of the Roman Catholic church and he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Athens Club. His absolute integrity in every relation of life, his acknowledged ability as a lawyer and his genuine qualities have gained for him not only high standing in his profession but also the respect and admiration of his fellowmen, among whom he is deservedly popular.

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### CHARLES G. STORIE

Charles Gordon Storie, realtor and broker, of Oakland, California, with offices at 1006 Ray building, was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, December 13, 1884. He is the son of Frank Robert and Katherine (Gordon) Storie. The father and mother were both born at Aberdeen, Scotland, where they were married. The father was a graduate of Edinburgh University, as civil engineer. His first services were rendered to the government of Great Britain, later with the Turkish government. For sixteen years he was chief civil engineer for the Japanese government. He later retired and the Japanese government bestowed upon him the highest medal of honor that it could bestow upon a foreigner. He later returned to Scotland. Following a vacation there of one or two years, in 1886 he moved to Fresno, California, where he engaged in ranching. He later passed away there in 1891, at the age of forty-eight years. The mother is living with her son Charles G. at their home in Berkeley, California.

The boyhood days of this subject were spent in Fresno, California, he coming to this city with his parents at the age of two years. He was educated in Fresno and Berkeley, graduating from Berkeley high school in 1903.

He then accepted an official position in the office of the Balfour Guthrie Company in their oil field interests in Coalinga, California, which position he held for a period of seven years. During his period of employment with Balfour Guthrie Company he realized the vast possibilities in the real estate field in California, and later resigned his position with this firm to accept the position of salesman with Huntington, Kerchoff & Baulch, rising from the ranks of salesman to that of sales manager in the first year of employment in this organization, there being some seventy-five salesmen in the organization.

After this subdivision was sold out he operated for many years in the real estate business in the San Joaquin valley, later affiliating himself with the Santa Monica Water Company—a Los Angeles corporation, entering this organization in the capacity of assistant sales manager, which position he held until moving to Berkeley in 1923.

After making a very careful study of various real estate problems surrounding the San Francisco bay area, he finally decided to establish himself in the city of Oakland, first going as salesman in the office of Fred E. Reed, Inc., where he remained for a period of eight months. Resigning from this position, he opened



CHARLES G. STORIE



first a small office in the Federal Realty Building and organized the Charles G. Storie Company. Since that time the Charles G. Storie Company has extended and prospered in this community until now they have commodious offices on the top floor of the Ray Building and some ten salesmen in the organization.

On coming to Oakland Mr. Storie specialized exclusively in the handling of down town business properties, with the result that in 1926 his organization played an important part in the consolidation of the properties that went into the Capwell-Emporium merger. The organization has also been successful in selling other important down town properties and today are in the process of promoting a new Medical Building to be erected in Oakland's down town area.

Mr. Storie while in the San Joaquin Valley was a Rotarian. Upon moving to Oakland, however, his classification in this organization was filled, therefore the membership was dropped. However, he is a member of the Athenian-Nile Club and the Exchange Club. Politically he is a republican.

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### CARL A. SORENSEN

Carl A. Sorensen, of Hayward, has long been recognized as one of Alameda county's leading contractors and throughout his section of the county stand evidences of his good workmanship, while his business reputation is of the highest, for he has adhered to honorable methods in all of his dealings and is firmly established in the public confidence.

Mr. Sorensen was born at Hayward on the 31st of December, 1882, and is a son of Hans and Caroline (Andersen) Sorensen, both of whom were natives of Denmark. The father left his native land in 1873, at the age of twenty-three years, and on reaching the United States came direct to Hayward. He became cook for the New York brewery, which position he held for nine years, and then engaged in the hotel business at B and Castro streets, where the Bank of Italy building was later erected, continuing there until 1892, when he retired from active business. His death occurred in 1921, when he was seventy-three years of age. After having lived in Hayward for five years, Mr. Sorensen returned to Denmark and brought his father and mother to Hayward, at which time he bought the present home place, on which he and his father set out trees in 1876, and there the grandparents spent the remainder of their days. The grandfather made wooden shoes after coming to this country. The mother came to America in young womanhood and was married soon after reaching Hayward. She died in 1892 at the age of thirty-two years.

Carl A. Sorensen received his educational training in the public schools of Hayward and was employed on ranches in this locality for four years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was employed for nine years, and later engaged in the contracting business, being in partnership with his brother, Andrew E. Sorensen, from 1913 to 1924, under the firm name of Sorensen Brothers. Since the dissolution of the firm Carl A. Sorensen has continued in the business alone. Among the principal buildings constructed by the brothers were the Mt. Eden and Tennyson schools, the Orchard ward school at Oakland, the Christian Science church, the General Bowree home in Castro Valley, the Christ Nicolaisen home at

Seventh and B streets, the Joe Lemos home on the Mt. Eden road, the Manuel Lopes home at A and Soto streets, the Joe Martin home at Fourth and B streets, Hayward, the Frank Dutra home on C street, a dairy barn for Mr. Mowery at Ervington and one for Andrade Brothers at Centerville, and the remodeling of the Methodist Episcopal church. Since Carl A. Sorensen has been alone in the business he has erected the following brick buildings: The Dias music store on B street, the Prowse building on Main street, the John Ravano service station at A and Main streets, the Fred Starr Hayward Battery Company building on A street, near Main, the Meininger & Company building on Castro street, near E street, the Buick building on A street near Castro, the Rasmussen building on Watkins street, the Castro Valley Hatchery building on A street, and the residences for Jep Eschelsen, George Meininger, Ted Medau, Mrs. Hogrefe, Dr. O'Connor, Gus Borneman and Jack Rodgers, besides many others. He is thorough and painstaking in everything he undertakes, and the high quality of his work has stamped him as being absolutely reliable and trustworthy.

In 1918 Mr. Sorensen was married to Miss Nina N. Killingsworth, a daughter of William C. Killingsworth. Mrs. Sorensen is a native of Idaho and is a graduate nurse. In his political views Mr. Sorensen is a staunch republican and takes a good citizen's interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community and county. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Dania, the Lions Service Club and is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Hayward Building Exchange. He is a man of fine personal traits, straightforward in all of his relations and commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

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### EDWARD J. SMITH

Edward J. Smith, who has gained an enviable standing among the successful lawyers of Alameda county and is prominent and influential in political and civic circles, is a self-made man in the best sense of the term, his success being the legitimate fruitage of his determined and persistent efforts along rightly directed lines.

He was born in San Francisco, California, on the 5th of January, 1894, a son of Eugene E. and Mary Smith, and attended the public schools and night schools in his native city, also taking university extension courses. Having decided to devote his life to the practice of law, he attended an evening law school and studied in a law office. He had to make his own way, and in this he succeeded, so that in 1917 he was admitted to the bar. He has since practiced his profession in San Francisco and Oakland and has gained distinctive recognition as an able and trustworthy lawyer, being now in the enjoyment of a very satisfactory clientele.

Mr. Smith has been married twice, first, to Miss Gladys Elliott, who died in 1919, leaving two children: Gladys, now fourteen years of age; and Edward F., eleven years of age. For his second wife Mr. Smith chose Miss Lillian Hartmeyer, who was born in Sacramento, California.

Mr. Smith has always been an active supporter of the republican party and in 1922 was elected to represent the thirty-sixth district in the state legislature. His service in that body was so satisfactory that he was reelected in 1924 and again



in 1926. He has served on a number of important committees and has done most effective work in the public interests. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to Scottish Rite; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Sciots; the Woodmen of the World, of which he is a past council commander; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a past president of Brooklyn Parlor, N. S. G. W., and is a member of the Past Presidents Association of that order. He has ably and conscientiously performed his full duty in every position to which he has been called, and his career has reflected great credit on his integrity, his honesty of motive and his loyalty and faithfulness. He commands the respect of his profession, the confidence of the public and the admiration of his host of friends throughout the community where he lives.

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### MRS. ELIZA ABERNETHY

One of San Leandro's best known and most highly esteemed families through a long period of years has been the Haas family, a present representative of which is Mrs. Eliza Abernethy, than whom no woman in this community is more honored or admired. Mrs. Abernethy was born in San Leandro, Alameda county, on the 27th of February, 1858, and is a daughter of John L. and Mary (Reid) Haas. Her father, was born near Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and was there reared and educated. He learned the trade of cabinetmaking, which he followed there until he decided to try his fortune in the west. In company with Robert Sylvester Farrelly, who later became a pioneer settler in San Leandro, he went to Mexico, but not liking that country, they came to California and Mr. Haas, attracted by the splendid climate and rich soil, concluded he had traveled far enough. Coming to San Leandro, he squatted on one hundred and sixty acres of land, and later, when the Spanish land grants were confirmed by the United States Government, he bought a number of acres of land from Don Ignatio Peralta, for which he paid about fifty dollars an acre. On this tract, which is now located in the heart of San Leandro, he built a small cottage, which is still one of the landmarks of the community. In San Francisco, Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Miss Mary Reid, who was born at Dundee, Scotland, April 25, 1824, and they established their home at San Leandro, where they spent their remaining years. Mr. Haas dying in October, 1864, and his wife in 1909, at the age of eighty-five years. After coming to California Mr. Haas gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, raising a general line of crops, and also became an extensive fruit grower and orchardist, having planted a large acreage to fruit trees, and he was successful in all of his operations. He was married twice and to his first union were born two children, Jacob, who made his home in Stockton, California, was married to Miss Agnes Drummond and they became the parents of six children, of whom three are living, Agnes, Lottie and Clara; Clarissa was married but died without issue. To John L. and Mary (Reid) Haas were born six children: Annie, who is the widow of the late Robert Broad and lives at 1028 Capp street, San Francisco; Jennie, who became the wife of A. R. Hamlin and lives at 3234 Central avenue, Alameda, California; James, who died at the age of sixteen years; Mrs.

Eliza Abernethy; Sadie, who is the widow of E. C. Kilpatrick and lives in Taconia, Washington; and John W., who lives in San Leandro. Mrs. Abernethy's parents were numbered among the sturdy pioneers of San Leandro, Mr. Haas performing his full part in the development of the resources of this locality, while her mother, whose long life here was filled with kindly and unselfish deeds, was beloved by the entire community, so that Haas avenue was named in her honor.

Eliza Haas secured her education in the public schools of San Leandro and lacked but a week of being twenty-three years of age when, on February 17, 1881, she became the wife of Henry Abernethy. He was born in London, Canada, March 7, 1855, and came to California with his parents, Robert and Caroline Phoebe (Travers) Abernethy, who settled in Guadalupe. Mr. Abernethy was long employed as a wood worker in the Baker & Hamilton Agricultural Implement Works in San Leandro, but later engaged in the news and stationery business, handling a full line of books, magazines, newspapers and stationery. He met with fair success, continuing in that line to the time of his death, which occurred on October 7, 1918, at the age of sixty-three years, seven months and one day. His was a Masonic funeral, for he had been an honored member of Eden Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., at San Leandro. He was an active member and a trustee of the Presbyterian church, and in his political views was a republican. Unassuming in manner, he nevertheless possessed a strong character and agreeable personality and commanded the respect of his fellowmen to a marked degree. Mrs. Abernethy continued to reside in the house in which she was born until 1926, when she built her present home at 55 Haas avenue, where she always gives a hospitable welcome to her many friends. She is a member of the Mission church at Eastmont, a suburb of Oakland, and is an earnest supporter of every worthy benevolent or charitable cause. A republican in politics, she has always been deeply interested in everything relating to the welfare of the community in which she has spent her life. Mrs. Abernethy has always been first of all a home-loving woman, but she has through the years been an interested spectator of the wonderful development which has characterized this locality. She possesses a fine memory and distinctly recalls the incidents of the early days here, when the pioneers laid the foundation for San Leandro's present prosperity. A woman of kindly and gracious manner, she has many warm and loyal friends throughout the community and is held in high regard.

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#### CLIFTON HILDEBRAND

Among the younger attorneys of Oakland whose abilities and success have gained for them distinctive recognition, one of the best known is Clifton Hildebrand, with offices in the Bank of Italy building. He has proven an astute and capable lawyer and is enjoying a rapidly growing practice in the courts of Alameda county. Mr. Hildebrand was born in Boise, Idaho, on the 7th of January, 1898, and is a son of Carl and Pleasant (Poston) Hildebrand, both of whom are deceased. His father came to Oakland in 1902 and here engaged in the electrical business up to the time of his death.

Clifton Hildebrand attended the public schools of Oakland and after graduating from high school entered the law department of the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1921. Admitted to the bar he engaged in the practice of his profession in San Francisco and later in New York and Chicago, but finally returned to Oakland, where he has remained. He is well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, keeps in close touch with the latest legal opinions, and his work as a trial lawyer and office counselor has been of a character that has won him the confidence and respect of all who have been associated with him. During the World war Mr. Hildebrand enlisted in the United States army, serving in the artillery branch of the service until the close of hostilities.

Mr. Hildebrand was united in marriage to Miss Lita Keller, who was born and reared in Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Joanne. Mr. Hildebrand gives his political support to the republican party and has shown keen interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Athens Club, the American Legion and the Berkeley Tennis Club and maintains professional affiliation with the Alameda County Bar Association and the California State Bar Association. His favorite forms of recreations are hiking and mountain climbing. Cordial and friendly in manner, he has a large circle of warm friends and is well liked by all who know him.

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### JOHN WESTLUND

John Westlund, though born under a foreign flag, has been a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country and his record has won for him the sincere respect of the people of the Castro valley, where he is successfully engaged in the poultry business. Mr. Westlund was born in Smolam, Sweden, on the 9th of September, 1873, and is a son of Carl and Christine (Anderson) Westlund. He spent his boyhood days in his native land, receiving a good education in the public schools, and in 1891, when eighteen years of age, emigrated to the United States, first locating at West Superior, Wisconsin, where he was employed at shipbuilding until 1897, when he came to the coast, stopping first at San Francisco. There also he worked at shipbuilding a few years, and in 1903 came to Alameda county, where he was employed at various occupations until 1911, when he bought a tract of land in the Castro valley and engaged in raising chickens, though in the meantime he still worked at his trade of shipbuilding. His poultry interests developed to an extent that in 1921 he devoted his entire attention thereto and has met with very satisfactory success. In 1927 he erected his present attractive home on Castro Valley highway and is now most comfortably situated. His place is well improved, all of the buildings being substantial in character and well adapted to the poultry business, and Mr. Westlund has in all of his efforts shown himself a progressive and enterprising man. During the war period from 1917 to 1919 he was connected with the United States shipping board at Los Angeles, in which capacity he rendered valuable service to this country.

In 1901 Mr. Westlund was united in marriage to Miss Annie L. Anderson, also a native of Smolam, Sweden, and a daughter of Andrew and Christene Ander-

son. To Mr. and Mrs. Westlund have been born four children, Mrs. Ruth Duffy, Carl, Arthur and Herbert. He is a republican in his political views and gives his earnest support to every measure calculated to advance the best interests of his community, being a man of sound judgment and well founded opinions on public questions.

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### I. M. TOALSON

I. M. Toalson enjoys a well earned reputation for expert work in laying hardwood floors, many of the finest homes in Alameda county bearing evidence of his superior workmanship. Under the name of the Alameda Hardwood Floor Company, he is doing a large and prosperous business and he is regarded as one of the leaders in his line in this section of the state. Mr. Toalson was born in Audrain county, Missouri, November 23, 1862, and was there reared, securing his education in the public schools. At fourteen years of age he began working on the home farm, on which he remained until 1881, when he came to California, locating at Hollister, San Benito county. For twenty-five years he was in the employ of the Southern Pacific Mill and Lumber Company. Later he was made foreman of that company's plant at San Miguel, and was also at San Luis Obispo for two years. In 1906 Mr. Toalson came to Alameda and soon afterward began taking contracts for laying hardwood floors, in which line he has continued to the present time. As a subcontractor he has laid floors for the following well-known contractors in and around Alameda: Fred T. Wood, C. L. Traver, Samuel Lee, George Windsor, V. E. Thorp, Leo F. Kochendorfer, K. S. Frederickson and R. C. Hillan. Mr. Toalson, who operates under the name of the Alameda Hardwood Floor Company, employs from fifteen to twenty-five men, all of whom are expert workmen, and eastern oak is used almost exclusively for flooring. He also does the floor work for George H. Noble, the largest contractor in Alameda.

Mr. Toalson was united in marriage to Miss Madge Moore and they are the parents of a son, R. M., who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Toalson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Alameda Rotary Club and the Builders Exchange at Oakland. He stands as a high type of American citizenship and the sterling worth of his character is recognized by all, while his ability and industry have brought him to a worthy place in the business circles of his community.

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### H. RAYMOND HALL

H. Raymond Hall has for nearly ten years been engaged in the practice of law in Oakland and during this period has gained a wide reputation for his ability and success, having built up a large clientele. He was born in Gridley, Butte county, this state, on the 24th of March, 1894, and is a son of William H. and Louvisa (Joyce) Hall, both of whom were natives of Missouri. They came to California in 1885 and the father engaged in a mercantile business at Gridley, in which he met with very satisfactory success, so that in 1918 he was enabled

to retire. He then came to Oakland, where he resided until his death in 1920. His widow is still living in this city.

H. Raymond Hall attended the public schools, continuing his educational training at St. Ignatius College, and then entered Santa Clara University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Art in 1916 and Bachelor of Laws in 1917. He entered the United States navy for service in the World war and honorably discharged at its close with the rank of ensign. He then came to Oakland and has since devoted his attention to the practice of his profession.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Clarice Hancock, who was born and reared in San Francisco, where her father, V. A. Hancock, was a member of the firm of Hancock Brothers. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born two children, Raymond Victor and Mary Lou.

Mr. Hall gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand knight; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the American Legion; the Politicians Club, of which he is a past president; and Piedmont Parlor, N. S. G. W., of which he is a past president. He is a member of the California State Bar Association and takes a keen interest in everything relating to his profession. A man of earnest purpose and upright life, he has won an enviable place in the estimation of his fellowmen and has a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

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### FRANK E. PERERIA

Frank E. Pereria, who for many years has conducted a successful mercantile business in Hayward, is numbered with those whose interests and activities have tended to conserve the commercial, civic and moral welfare of the community. He was born in this city on the 1st of January, 1876, and is a son of Antone and Maria (Nevis) Pereria, both natives of the Azores islands. The father left home in young manhood and came to America, settling in the eastern part of the United States. In 1849 he joined the rush to the Pacific coast, crossing the plains with ox team and covered wagon, and for a while engaged in mining in Nevada and northern California. Locating at Panole, he followed farming and cattle raising and later came to Hayward, where he bought a tract of land and engaged in raising fruit and vegetables. Here he spent the remaining years of his life, honored and respected by all, and his death occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age. At Sola Rando, California, he married Miss Maria Nevis, who had come to California by boat, landing at San Francisco in an early day.

Frank E. Pereria was reared in Haywood, attending the public schools, and in his youth was employed as a "cow puncher," during which period he also advanced his education by attending night school. Later he was employed as a clerk by J. H. Woods in Hayward for two years, after which he had charge of routes for the Hayward Steam Laundry. He was with Thomas H. Silva for a short time and then engaged in business on his own account. His first store was located on the site of his present building, which he erected and which is well adapted to his purposes. He carries a large and well selected stock of goods and, through his

courtesy, accommodation and efficient service, has built up a large trade, covering a wide radius of surrounding country. He employs capable and experienced clerks, some of whom have been in his employ for twenty-five years or more.

On June 8, 1900, Mr. Pereria was united in marriage to Miss Emma Silva, who has been a lifelong resident of this city and is a daughter of Joseph and Rose (Andrade) Silva, the former born in the Azores islands and the latter in Connecticut. Mr. Silva came around Cape Horn to California in an early day and engaged in sheep raising in the San Joaquin valley. Later he was in the same business at Danville, Contra Costa county, until his retirement, when he came to Hayward, where he spent his remaining years. His widow is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Pereria. To Mr. and Mrs. Pereria has been born one child, Elloid, who is at home. The republican party receives Mr. Pereria's allegiance and during all his years here he has been a progressive and public-spirited citizen, giving his efforts and influence to the betterment and progress of the city. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Columbus, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Rotary Club, the U. P. C., and has belonged to the Foresters of America for thirty-two years. Kindly and generous in disposition and cordial and friendly in manner, he lacks not for friends among his numerous acquaintances and all who know him hold him in high regard.

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### JOSEPH FRANKLIN

"Joseph Franklin Homes, a Solid Investment," has become one of the best known business slogans in Alameda county, for it has been backed by a capable and honest builder, whose activities have been of real benefit to San Leandro and who has afforded to many an opportunity to secure modern, ideal homes at a moderate cost.

Joseph Franklin was born in California on the 13th of May, 1891, and is a son of Frank and Bertha Franklin, both of whom died when he was but a child. He was reared in Oakland and secured his education in the public schools, which he attended to the sixth grade. From that time he has looked after his own welfare, for when but thirteen or fourteen years old he went to work as a clerk in a shoe store in Oakland. However, outdoor life appealed to him, so he turned his attention to the building trades, entering the employ of Henry Carlson of that city, for whom he worked for six years, during which period he thoroughly learned all branches of the building business, including carpentering, concrete work, plastering, plumbing and electrical wiring.

In 1922 Mr. Franklin decided to embark in business on his own account and he has since operated as an independent builder, in which he has met with distinctive success. Beginning in a small way, the volume of his business has steadily increased, as may be inferred from the fact that last year he built forty homes and this year is building or has built sixty houses, having altogether erected more than one hundred and fifty residences. At first he did all of the work himself but now employs twelve expert workmen in their respective lines, all of whom are kept busy throughout the year. His method is to buy the land, on which he erects a house



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and then sells it. All of his houses are distinctive in their design and possess an individuality that attracts attention and pleases those who are hunting homes that satisfy. He is thorough and painstaking in everything he undertakes and is absolutely honest and straightforward in all of his business relations, so that he has a well established reputation as a square dealer, which has been one of his most valuable assets. The following article regarding his activities appeared in the Oakland Tribune under date of September 25, 1927:

"Joseph Franklin has achieved a new and extraordinary success in 'Franklin Homes' which are markedly original with perfect proportions and a masterly handling of architectural effects. 'Franklin Homes' are houses that raise living to its highest plane, you turn toward them with expectancy, certain of color, gaiety and hospitable cheer. Small wonder that these dwellings sell before they are completed, and that the purchasers are invariably pleased.

"Says Mr. Franklin: 'My method of building better homes at reasonable cost is possible through a one profit plan; carpenters, cabinetmakers, plasterers and cement workers are regular employes, no sub-contractors being necessary in these departments, and the middleman's profits thus eliminated are promptly turned over to the purchasers at the lowered price. Further economics are effected by quantity buying, entire car-load lots constituting my order. All purchases and construction are under my personal supervision and have my personal guarantee.'"

On June 3, 1916, in Oakland, California, Mr. Franklin was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dest, who is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a son, Joseph, Jr. They reside in a comfortable and attractive home at 968 Alice avenue, where the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is ever in evidence.

Mr. Franklin is an enthusiastic booster for San Leandro, in the future of which he has great faith, and he has in every possible way worked for the advancement and progress of his community. He has passed the state examination as a realtor. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and the San Leandro Real Estate Board. A man of friendly and agreeable manner, he has formed a wide acquaintance since coming to this locality and, because of his splendid business record and his sterling qualities of character, he has won a high place in public confidence and esteem.

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### JOHN J. ROSE, JR.

John J. Rose, Jr., of Oakland, has well earned the reputation which he enjoys as a learned and able lawyer and has a large clientele in Alameda county, where he is widely known. He was born in Decoto, this county, October 22, 1872, and is a son of John J. and Rosie (Rose) Rose, who, though of the same family name, were not related, the father being a native of Portugal and the mother of Brazil. He was a farmer by occupation, came to California in 1861 and was the first to locate on the site of Decoto. He was married in Hayward to Rosie Rose and both are now deceased, the father dying in June, 1917, at the age of eighty-six years, and the mother when seventy-six years of age. They were the parents of two sons,

John J., of this review, and Bert, who became a prominent druggist in Hayward and died recently, his brother disposing of the pharmacy in 1927.

John J. Rose, Jr., was educated in the public school in Decoto and the high school in Oakland, after which he attended the San Francisco Law School and also studied in the law office of Reed, Black & Reed. He took the bar examination before the district court of appeals and was admitted to practice January 18, 1907, since which time he has been actively engaged in professional work in Oakland. Determined, persistent and resourceful in the trial of causes and safe and dependable as an advisor, he is highly regarded as an attorney who at all times gives his best efforts in behalf of his clients.

Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Etta Bryant, who was born in San Jose, California, and is a daughter of Colonel Daniel Bryant, a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Rose are the parents of a son, Jack, who graduated from the Polytechnic high school, in which he was president of the student body, and is now a student in the University of California. Mr. Rose is a republican, is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, is fond of hunting and outdoor life and much of his recreation is gained on the splendid ranch of one hundred acres near Modesto which he owns and which is mainly devoted to dairy purposes. Candid and straightforward in manner, honorable and fair in every relation of life, throughout the range of his acquaintance he commands uniform confidence and respect.

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### WILLIAM J. BERGSMA

William J. Bergsma, vice president and manager of the Superior Creamery Company, of Oakland, has achieved success in his business affairs as the result of his persistent and well directed efforts, and is also prominent in activities relating to the civic and moral welfare of his community. Born in New York city on the 20th of January, 1878, he is a son of William J. and Anna A. (Ball) Bergsma. His father was a deep-sea diver and met his death in the performance of that line of work.

W. J. Bergsma had but limited opportunity of education, attending the public schools of New York city only to the age of nine years, when he found it necessary to go to work, his father having passed away. He was employed at various occupations until June 3, 1897, when he began his connection with the ice cream business, with which he has been identified ever since. In October, 1910, Mr. Bergsma came to Oakland, California, and was employed in connection with the ice cream business until 1917, when he organized the Superior Ice Cream Company. This proved a successful enterprise and in 1921 was incorporated under the laws of California as the Superior Creamery Company, which took over the Superior Ice Cream Company. Helen M. Bergsma is president of this company and Mr. Bergsma is vice president and manager. Their factory is in Oakland and they employ fifteen people, their product being sold throughout the Bay district, where it has attained well merited popularity.

Mr. Bergsma was married and has a son, William Lawrence, now seven years of age. In his political views Mr. Bergsma is independent, voting according to the

dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He has been active in affairs of importance to his community, being president of the West Oakland Boosters Club, a member of the Western Water Front Industrial Association, the East Bay Safety Council and chairman of the Big Brothers Club, and is also secretary of the Alameda County Hospital Christmas committee. He belongs to the Athens Athletic Club and the Optimist Club, is a director of the Eastlake Kiwanis Club, a director of the Travelers Aid Society and a member of the Bentwood Club and the Oakland Advertising Club. He has given much of his time and attention to rescue work, being deeply in sympathy with those less fortunate than he, and the county poor-house and the home for the blind have in a number of ways been the beneficiaries of his kindness of heart and his generosity, as have many friendless ones in the courts of the city. Quiet and unostentatious in manner, and averse to any praise for what he has done, he is earnest in his desire to be of practical use to his fellow-men, and has thus earned the gratitude of hundreds whom he has helped. He is a man of excellent personal qualities and among his acquaintances is held in high esteem.

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#### ALLEN E. PELTON

Among those whose activities and successes have excited the admiration of their fellowmen, stands Allen E. Pelton, of San Leandro, who, in partnership with Joseph E. Faustina, with main offices in Oakland, is engaged in the real estate, investment and insurance business, and has also gained a wide reputation as a successful promoter of subdivisions and as a builder of good homes. Mr. Pelton was born in Eldorado county, California, July 29, 1878, and is a son of Aylmer and Belle (Langtree) Pelton, both of whom were born in the village of Trout River, near Montreal, Canada. The father, lured by the discovery of gold in California, crossed the plains, with ox teams and covered wagon, in 1850, and became a pioneer placer gold miner on the American river. He met with success and in the early '70s returned to his native village, where he was married. Soon afterwards he brought his bride to California and resumed his mining operations near Coloma, where gold had been first discovered by John Marshall in 1848. To him and his wife were born three children, namely: Allen E., of this review; Martha, who is the wife of the late P. E. Arlett and resides in Portland, Oregon; and Albert, also in Portland. The mother of these children died in 1887 and subsequently the father married again. Desiring to give his children better educational advantages, in 1888 he brought his family to San Leandro, where they established their permanent home. Having retained his gold mining interests in El Dorado county, he went back and forth to the placer mines for a number of years. He died in Oakland in 1911, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Allen E. Pelton frequently accompanied his father on his trips to the mines and at the age of fourteen years, he went to work in the mines, with pickaxe, shovel and spade, thereby earning his first money. He secured his educational training in the public schools of Eldorado county and the grammar schools in San Leandro, which he supplemented by taking a commercial course in Heald's Business College, in San Francisco. He then entered the Bank of San Leandro as first assistant to Charles

H. Hale, who was the first cashier of the first bank established in San Leandro, and who is still identified with the banking interests of this city as cashier of the San Leandro branch of the American Trust Company. For many years Mr. Pelton remained a trusted employe of the Bank of San Leandro, with which he remained until 1900, when, being offered a larger salary, he became bookkeeper for the firm of Baldwin & Howell, of San Francisco. He was soon afterwards promoted to the position of cashier, and still later was admitted to a partnership in the business. Prosperity attended him and by 1918 he had accumulated so much private property that he found it necessary to devote his entire attention to his own affairs. Mr. Pelton's success in handling subdivisions has been outstanding among the operations along this line in this section of the county. He has subdivided some thirty pieces of land and has also engaged in building operations on a large scale. In 1924 he formed a partnership with Joseph E. Faustina, under the firm name of Pelton & Faustina, with main offices at 1307 Harrison street, Oakland, and they erected the Pelton & Faustina building, on Thirteenth street, opposite the Oakland hotel. Mr. Pelton is the owner of a three-and-a-half-acre tract on East Fourteenth street, San Leandro, which is one of the most attractive and popular residence sections of the city, and there erected Pelton court, having forty tenants. The homes are surrounded by well-kept lawns and a fountain and fish pond adorn the approach to the court. Mr. Pelton and his partner are owners of one of the largest subdivision tracts in this section of the county, located at Junction City, between San Leandro and Hayward and comprising one hundred and ten acres of well situated land, on which the grading has been done and practically all of the roads and drives constructed. This will undoubtedly prove to be one of the choicest and most desirable residence districts in the vicinity of San Leandro. Mr. Pelton and his partner own valuable ranch lands in the Sacramento valley and apartment houses in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. While Mr. Pelton's success seems almost phenomenal, an analysis of his business career shows that it is but the legitimate result of the proper utilization of sound business ability and keen discrimination, supplemented by a spirit of enterprise that has enabled him to take advantage of every opportunity. Through his activities he has in very large measure contributed to the upbuilding and advancement of his community and has thus promoted the general prosperity of San Leandro.

On April 22, 1898, in San Francisco, Mr. Pelton was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Knaugh, a daughter of Joshua and Carrie (Worley) Knaugh. The father, a California pioneer, was born in Pennsylvania, while the mother was born in Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Pelton have three children: Aylmer E., who is head purchasing agent for the Pacific Coast Engineering Company, married Miss Lillian Rodgers and lives in San Leandro; Lois and Maude are in school. In his political views Mr. Pelton is a republican and for many years has been active in public affairs. In 1916 he was elected mayor of San Leandro and so eminently satisfactory was his administration that he was four times reelected to that office. However, after serving eight consecutive years, he resigned the mayoralty because of the press of his private business interests. He is a member and past master of Eden Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., belongs to Doric Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M., and is a past worthy patron of San Leandro Chapter, O. E. S., of which Mrs. Pelton is a past

worthy matron. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Presbyterian church of Oakland. He has consistently stood for the best things in the life of his community, supporting every measure for the advancement of the public welfare, and is regarded by his fellowmen as one of San Leandro's most public spirited and dependable citizens.

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### AUDUBON J. WOOLSEY

Among the prominent representatives of the legal profession in Oakland is numbered Audubon J. Woolsey, who has a large and representative clientele and is regarded as one of the strongest and most dependable members of the Alameda county bar. Mr. Woolsey was born on the 22nd of September, 1879, in the city in which he now lives, and is a son of James B. and Hannah M. (Reeve) Woolsey. The father crossed the plains to California in 1850 and for a time worked in the mines. He then located in Berkeley and farmed one hundred and sixty acres of land, lying on the line between Berkeley and Oakland. This tract is now very valuable and on it many fine homes have been built. However, Mr. Woolsey did not profit from this enhancement of value, as he sold the land many years ago and retired, his death occurring in August, 1918, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was a man of prominence in his community and served one term as a member of the board of county supervisors. Hannah M. Reeve was brought across the plains in her young girlhood and was married to Mr. Woolsey in Gilroy, California. Her death occurred in January, 1927.

A. J. Woolsey attended the public and high schools of Berkeley and then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1903. He then began the study of law and in 1909 was admitted to the bar. In his practice he has been more than ordinarily successful, being regarded as a sound and safe advisor in legal matters and reliable as a trial lawyer.

Mr. Woolsey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Priestley, who was born and reared in this state, and they are the parents of a daughter, Constance. Mr. Woolsey is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athens Club and the California State Bar Association. A man of sterling character, fine public spirit, courteous and friendly manner, he commands to a marked degree the esteem of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of the representative men of his city.

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### GEORGE S. MEININGER

George S. Meininger, a successful merchant of Hayward, has contributed of his efforts to the building up and improvement of the city and is regarded as one of its most progressive and enterprising citizens. He was born at Mount Eden, Alameda county, on the 14th of November, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Sophia Proeger (Meyer) Meininger. The father was born in Saxon-Mining, Germany, and was there reared and educated. In the early '60s he came to the United States and spent some time in New York. In 1865 he removed to Alameda county, Cali-

foria, locating in San Lorenzo, where he was employed at the blacksmith's trade until 1869, when he moved to Mt. Eden and built a blacksmith shop, which he conducted until his death in 1919, when he was seventy-two years of age. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World.

After locating in Mount Eden, Henry Meininger was married to Sophia P. Meyer, who was born in that town and was a daughter of George S. and Sophia (Proeger) Meyer. Mr. Meyer was born in Saxony, Germany, January 24, 1812, and was there educated, after which he learned the trade of a butcher. In about 1843 he came to the United States, locating in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked at his trade until 1846, when he enlisted in Stevenson's regiment, with which he came to California, landing at San Francisco, March 22, 1847. He was discharged from the service at Monterey in October, 1848, and then went to the mines at Angel's Creek, where he was engaged in gold mining until December, 1849, when he went to San Francisco and on the following New Year's day sailed for New York, taking his gold dust with him. At the government mint in Philadelphia he received four thousand dollars for his dust. On March 20, 1850, he was married to Miss Proeger and, returning to San Francisco, opened the Philadelphia Hotel on Pine street. In June, 1853, he removed to Mt. Eden, Alameda county, where he bought a squatter's claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he engaged in farming, living there until 1881, when he retired and moved to Oakland, where his wife died. Later he settled at Oakville, Napa county, where his death occurred. To him and his wife were born four children: George A., deceased; Henry H., Amelia and Matilda. In 1881 Matilda became the wife of George W. Marlin, a native of Astoria, Oregon, who settled in Oakland, where he was employed in the hall of records, but later he removed to San Francisco, where he served as a member of the city council. He removed from there to Napa county, where he engaged in farming, but subsequently returned to San Francisco, where he died October 7, 1914, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a republican, and was the father of three children, Herbert M., Mrs. Donald Blanchard and Arthur G. Mr. Marlin was a son of Henry B. Marlin, who was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Iowa, where he was married to a lady, who was a native of that state, and then went overland to Oregon City, Oregon, where he operated a saw-mill. He also owned a schooner, on which he shipped lumber to San Francisco.

George S. Meininger spent his boyhood at Mount Eden, where he attended school and was graduated from the Hayward high school in 1893. He assisted his father in the blacksmith shop until 1901, when he came to Hayward and bought a newspaper route, handling the San Francisco Call, the San Francisco Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle. In the meantime he had formed a partnership with Clyde Resse and opened a store, dealing in tobacco, stationery and office supplies. Subsequently Mr. Meininger bought out his partner, and in 1911 admitted Jep Eschelsen to a half interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm name of Meininger & Company, at 902-4-6-8 B street. This has been a very successful concern, owing to their progressive and up-to-date methods. Since 1906 the business has been located at 902-8 B street but in 1926 the old building was torn down and on the 1st of October, 1927, the firm moved into their new quarters, having one of the best arranged and most attractive stores in Alameda county. They

have branched out in business and have bought the site of the old Central Hotel at the corner of A and Castro streets and have leased the location to the Shell Oil Company. They erected a brick building, fifty by one hundred and fifty feet in size, on Castro street, which is now occupied by the Chrysler automobile agency, and on their lot on A street they have erected another brick building which is occupied by the Buick agency.

In 1914 Mr. Meininger was united in marriage to Miss Edith Broder, who was born in Folsom, California, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Broder. Her father was a pioneer of this section of the state, having traveled overland in the early '50s, and became the owner of one thousand acres of fine land, one of the large and valuable ranches of this locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Meininger has been born a daughter, Muriel.

Mr. Meininger is a republican in politics, and is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Woodmen of the World, Alameda Lodge, B. P. O. E., and the Lions Club, of which he is a director. He has shown himself a man of outstanding business ability, and his success has come as the legitimate result of his determined and persistent efforts along right lines, so that during all the years of his residence here he has commanded to a marked degree the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### JAMES K. PEIRSOL

Among the residents of Oakland, who, having finished their life work, have passed on to higher scenes of activity, leaving behind them the memory of honored and worthy lives, none was held in higher esteem by his fellowmen than James K. Peirsol, who for a number of years was engaged in the practice of law in Oakland and held high rank in his profession. Mr. Peirsol was born in western Pennsylvania on the 21st of September, 1843, and was a son of John and Naomi (Mace) Peirsol. His family was among the very early settlers of that section of the Keystone state, James K. having been of the sixth generation who lived there. After attending the public schools of his home neighborhood, he entered Mount Union College, at Alliance, Ohio, from which he was graduated. He then enlisted for ninety days' service in the Union Army, and on the expiration of that period, re-enlisted and served one year, loyally defending the Union. He took part in many important battles and campaigns and when the war closed was with the army near Richmond, Virginia. After receiving his discharge, he went to the oil fields of Pennsylvania and was employed in rafting oil down the Allegheny river. Later he and his brother conducted a general merchandise establishment at Valencia, Pennsylvania. In the meantime he had been devoting his spare time to the study of law and after his admission to the bar he located at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the practice of his profession until 1887, when he came to Oakland, California. Here he gained a good clientele and he also served as city attorney. At that time the city attorney, mayor and city engineer constituted the board of public works and acted as police and fire commissioners, so that his duties were manifold. While a resident of Oakland he showed a keen interest in everything relating to the welfare and advancement of the city and was a member of



the committee which secured Oakland's present excellent water supply. He remained here until 1899, when he removed to Fort Bragg, California, where he made his home until his death, which occurred March 1, 1927.

Mr. Peirsol was united in marriage to Miss Mary Etta Cope a daughter of Samuel D. and Alice (Rogers) Cope. She was born and reared in Columbiana county, Ohio, and was a graduate of Mount Union College. Their children are H. J., who is engaged in the practice of law in Oakland, with offices in the Bank of Italy building; Frank C., a physician and surgeon; Alice M.; and Mrs. Florence Weber. There are also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In his political affiliation Mr. Peirsol was a republican, and he was a member and past commander of Lyon Post, G. A. R. A man of rugged strength of character and marked individuality, he made a favorable impression on all who came in contact with him and in the communities in which he had lived he commanded uniform confidence and respect, for he had proved himself a man among men and was true and loyal in every relation of life.

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### ARTHUR P. DAVIS

A civil engineer of national prominence, Arthur P. Davis has rendered important service to his country along the line of his profession and is now a dominant factor in the management of the business of the East Bay Utility Company of Oakland. A native of Illinois, he was born February 9, 1861, near the city of Decatur in Macon county, and there attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age. In 1873 he went to Junction City, Kansas, where he completed his high school course, and was next a student at the State Normal School in Emporia, Kansas. Later he matriculated in the Columbian University at Washington, D. C., where he finished his education, and in 1882 entered the employ of the United States government. He was assigned to the geological survey, continuing with that department for twenty years, and he then transferred his activities to the reclamation service. While engaged in that branch of government work he located reservoir sites in Arizona, New Mexico and California. In 1897 he was assigned to the Isthmian commission and made a report to the government on the Nicaragua canal. Mr. Davis had charge of hydraulic work on the Panama canal, being thus engaged for four years, and later was sent to Paris for the purpose of studying the French records of the canal. In 1902 he was made a division engineer in the reclamation service and in 1909 became chief engineer. He was sent abroad to confer with the Russian government on the irrigation of Turkestan in 1911 and in 1914 went to China as one of the engineers on the board of flood control. A year later he was a member of the committee appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to investigate slides in the Panama canal and in 1915 was appointed director of the United States reclamation service. Since 1923 he has been chief engineer and general manager of the East Bay Utility District of Oakland and gives to the District the services of an expert, maintaining a high standard of efficiency in the operation of the plant.





ARTHUR P. DAVIS



Mr. Davis' family comprises four daughters: Mrs. Rena D. Peck and Mrs. Florence D. Eslin, residents of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dorothy D. Smith, of New York city; and Mrs. Elizabeth D. Smith, who lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Davis is a prominent member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which he was elected a director in 1917 and president in 1920. He is also connected with the American Concrete Institute, the Commonwealth and Engineers Clubs of San Francisco, the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C., and the Athenian Club of Oakland. A distinguished representative of his profession, Mr. Davis is considered an authority on matters pertaining to civil engineering and through intensive study and practical experience has constantly broadened his field of usefulness.

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### HENRY K. ZEIMER

Henry K. Zeimer, who holds the responsible position of executive secretary to the city commissioner of finance of Oakland, has spent his life in this city and is numbered among its progressive and capable men. He was born in Oakland on the 29th of November, 1882, and is a son of Leo and Hannah (Kahn) Zeimer. His father, arriving here in 1878, became one of the leading merchants during the embryo days of this community.

Henry K. Zeimer attended the public schools of Oakland until graduated from high school and then studied civil engineering in private schools. Later he acquired an interest in the department store of Kahn Brothers, of which firm he was for ten years vice-president. When the United States entered the World war, he enlisted for service in the Sixtieth Coast Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. On his return to civil life, he sold his interest in Kahn Brothers and engaged in the real estate and brokerage business, meeting with success. He was chosen to manage C. C. Yering's campaign for city commissioner of finance, and when the latter was elected to that office he made Mr. Zeimer his executive secretary, which position he is still filling, and for the duties of which he has proven well qualified. In his political views, Mr. Zeimer is a staunch republican. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason, belonging also to Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Courteous and friendly in manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this city and all who know him hold him in the highest regard for his splendid character and fine personal qualities.

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### LEROY E. PRATT

The late LeRoy E. Pratt, whose death was greatly regretted by his large circle of friends in Hayward, was a man of sterling character and agreeable social traits, while in his professional work as a funeral director he was capable and efficient, commanding the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Mr. Pratt was born in Burlingame, Kansas, in 1888, and was a son of Hiram and Mary (Hoover) Pratt. His father was engaged in the undertaking business in Kansas City, Kansas, for a

number of years, but later went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he followed the same line until his retirement, when he moved to Long Beach, California, where his death occurred in 1923. His widow is still residing in that city.

LeRoy E. Pratt spent his boyhood in Kansas and, after completing a course of the public schools, attended the University of Kansas. He next attended a school of embalming for two years, after which he went to Salt Lake City, where he entered the employ of the Eber H. Hall Undertaking Company, with which he remained until 1910, when he went to Los Angeles, California. Later he worked for the Bryant Undertaking Company at San Pedro, this state, and in 1912 came to Hayward and formed a partnership with Henry Alter, under the name of Alter & Pratt, engaging in the undertaking business. In 1915 he bought his partner's interest and became associated with Ralph V. Richmond, of Niles, remaining actively identified with the business up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1923, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six years.

In 1915 Mr. Pratt was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Hofleng, who was born in Oakland, California, and is a daughter of Frank J. and Fannie (Lego) Hofleng. Her paternal grandfather was a pioneer of San Francisco, where he was long engaged in merchandising. Mr. Pratt gave his political support to the republican party and maintained a wholesome interest in public affairs. He was a member of Eucalyptus Lodge, No. 243, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a past master; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland. Hayward Chapter, No. 331, O. E. S., of which he was a past worthy patron. Alameda Lodge, B. P. O. E.; Sycamore Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the I. D. E. S. He was true and loyal in every relation of life and his fidelity to principle was one of his most prominent traits, so that he commanded the unqualified confidence of all who were in any way associated with him.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Pratt bought Mr. Richmond's interest in the undertaking business, which she has conducted to the present time, meeting with very gratifying success. She bought property, which she has greatly improved, and on the grounds forty cars can be accommodated, making it an ideal place for funerals, away from the heavy traffic. In 1927 Mrs. Pratt became the wife of Walter F. Flierl, who had had extensive experience in the undertaking business, and he is now giving his personal attention to the management of his wife's interests. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to the Rotary Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Flierl is a past worthy matron of Hayward Chapter, No. 331, O. E. S., and is a past president of the Hill and Valley Club. She is a woman of tact and sound business judgment, while her gracious personal qualities have gained her the warm friendship of her associates.

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#### DANIEL RYGEL

Daniel Rygel is numbered among those who have honored the legal profession by their able and worthy services as attorneys, and he has also won a high place in public esteem because of his consistent life and honorable citizenship. Mr. Rygel was born in New York city on the 1st of October, 1884, and is a son of Leon and

Anna Rygel. The father is engaged in business in the east but has several times visited his son in Oakland.

Daniel Rygel was graduated from high school and then attended the San Francisco Law College. He was admitted to the bar and in 1921 came to Oakland, where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In the following year he was appointed assistant district attorney under Ezra Dicots and served two years, after which he resigned in order to resume his private practice, in which he has been engaged continuously to the present time. A man of vigorous mentality, well informed in the law, a fearless and resourceful trial lawyer and a sound and safe counselor, he has long enjoyed a reputation as a reliable and skilled lawyer and commands a large and lucrative practice.

Mr. Rygel was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Koenig, who was born and reared in San Francisco, and they are the parents of three children, Leon, Clinton and Meadus. The republican party receives Mr. Rygel's political support and he has shown a deep interest in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his community. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Mystic Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World, the Sciots, the Hi Twelve, the Berkeley Country Club the Alturians and is Grand Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth. All know him bear testimony to the strength and worth of his character, to his devotion to the highest professional standards and to his close adherence to those principles which mark the highest type of American manhood and citizenship.

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#### CECIL CORWIN, D. D. S.

For over twenty-five years Dr. Cecil Corwin has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry at Hayward, and during this period has held a high place in public esteem, both for his professional ability and for the high standards of citizenship which has been exemplified in his life. He was born in Tillamook county, Oregon, and is a son of Samuel and Emmaline A. (Richardson) Corwin, the former born in London, Ontario, Canada, and the latter in the Willamette valley, Oregon, in 1849. The Doctor's paternal grandfather moved from Canada to Iowa, where he engaged in farming for thirty years, and then went to Oregon, where he bought and cultivated a tract of land, and also engaged in the grocery business. Later he went to Wichita, Kansas, where he died at the age of ninety-eight years. Samuel Corwin accompanied his family on their removal to Iowa, where he remained until twenty-one years of age, when he came to California, locating first at Sacramento, where he was employed as a clerk in various mercantile establishments. Later he went to eastern Oregon, where he engaged in the hotel business, and was afterwards interested in farming operations in Tillamook county, that state. He was married in Union county, Oregon, and in 1882 went to Oakland, California, and engaged in the grocery business, in which he was successful. He died in Montana, while on a visit to a brother, and his widow is now living in Hayward. He was a republican in his political views.

Cecil Corwin spent his boyhood in Oregon and Oakland, California, and secured his elementary education in the public schools. He entered the dental school of the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession in Oakland and Nevada county for three years. In 1902 he came to Hayward, where he has devoted his attention to his profession continuously since. He has a well equipped office, has proven an able and efficient dentist, and commands a large and representative patronage.

In 1896 Dr. Corwin was united in marriage to Miss Bessie E. Hall, who was born and reared in Hayward and is a daughter of A. R. and Emmaline Hall, who located here in 1864. Dr. and Mrs. Corwin have two children, Cecil Meredith and Victoria Emmaline. The Doctor gives his political support to the republican party and since coming to Hayward has shown a deep interest in the welfare of the community. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He is a keen student of history, particularly that phase of it relating to California and Alameda county, on which he is regarded as an authority, and has done considerable writing along that line. Courteous and affable in manner, he has made a host of warm friends throughout this community and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### VIRGIL G. CAPORGNO

Virgil G. Caporgno, who by determined and persistent effort, in the face of obstacles, has ultimately gained success and an independent position in life, is the senior member of the well known undertaking firm of Caporgno & Lewis, of Oakland, and is regarded as one of the leading business men of his city. Born in Switzerland on the 31st of July, 1871, he is a son of Peter and Christina Caporgno. His father was one of the pioneers of California, having come from his native land in 1849, the long voyage, by the way of Cape Horn, requiring six months. He went into the mines of Amador county, where he worked for ten years, and then returned to his Switzerland, where he died at a comparatively early age. His wife also is deceased.

Virgil G. Caporgno was reared at home and attended the public schools to the age of fourteen years, when he came to the United States. He was unacquainted with the English language and first learned to speak Spanish, later giving his attention to English. He first located in Marin county, California, but later went to San Luis Obispo county, where he remained for a time. Returning to Marin county, he rode the range for several years, but later became associated with John L. Blackburn in the undertaking business at Petaluma, Sonoma county. After some time he went to San Francisco, where he was similarly engaged for several years, and, in March, 1907, came to Oakland and bought the Leach undertaking parlors in partnership with F. J. Cunha. This proved a successful venture and the business was conducted by them until July 1, 1925, when Mr. Cunha retired from the firm on account of advancing years. Mr. Caporgno continued alone until November 1, 1927, when he admitted Nester R. Lewis to a partnership and the business is now conducted under the firm name of Caporgno & Lewis. They have a well furnished

mortuary establishment, well arranged to meet the requirements of the business, and their service cars and hearses are of Pierce-Arrow make. There is a large and comfortable chapel in connection with the establishment and a lady attendant is at the service of those who need her. Mr. Caporgno is a very capable funeral director, giving thoughtful and painstaking attention to the work in hand, and the firm commands its full share of the local patronage in its line. They plan to soon build a new chapel at 18th and Grove streets. In addition to his undertaking business Mr. Caporgno is a member of the advisory board of the Bank of Italy and is a director of the National Mortgage and Guarantee Company.

Mr. Caporgno was united in marriage to Miss Rose Clark, who was born in Marin county, California, and whose mother was born in San Leandro, Alameda county, of which locality her family were pioneers. To Mr. and Mrs. Caporgno has been born a son, Virgil R., who is now a student in St. Mary's high school. Mr. Caporgno gives his political support to the republican party, though inclined to an independent course in local elections. He is president of Oakland Lodge No. 7, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the United Ancient Order of Druids, the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Athens Club, the Exchange Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Exchange. He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the progress and welfare of his community, and is regarded as one of its most estimable citizens, his business record and private life having gained for him the confidence and good will of all who know him.

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#### REV. JOHN F. CASEY

Rev. John F. Casey, who has served during the past eight years as pastor of St. Edward's Roman Catholic church, at Newark, has won a warm place in the hearts of his parishioners through his unselfish and tireless efforts to promote the best interests of the parish along spiritual, material and civic lines, in all of which he has been successful. Father Casey was born in San Francisco, California, on the 26th day of February, 1881, and secured his educational training in the parochial schools and Sacred Heart College in that city. For four years he was engaged in the plumbing business in San Francisco, and then entered St. Patrick's Seminary, at Menlo Park, where for twelve years he pursued his classical and theological studies. He was there ordained to the priesthood on June 22, 1912, and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Catherine's church at Burlingame, serving later as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart church, on Fillmore street, San Francisco, and at the church of the Holy Ghost in Centerville. In 1920 he was made pastor of St. Edward's church at Newark, which at that time was changed from a mission to a fully organized church, with a resident pastor. This church was first established about fifty-four years ago and from that time until 1920 was served from Mission San Jose. The church was erected by the late Senator James G. Fair, who figured so prominently in the early history of this state. It was he who laid out the town of Newark, naming it after his native town in New Jersey. The parish comprises two hundred families and is in a prosperous condition, largely due to the persistent

and well directed labors of the pastor. Father Casey also serves a mission church at Alvarado, where he erected a beautiful church in 1925. That parish, which was established about sixty-six years ago, comprises some two hundred families and is an important center of religious interest. Father Casey is a member of the Knights of Columbus, has been active in the work of the League of the Cross Cadets, of San Francisco, and for two years was scout master of the Boy Scouts. He has done very effective and appreciated work here and is held in the highest measure of esteem throughout the community.

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### HARRY H. BEGIER

Harry H. Begier is one of the prominent and well known building contractors in San Leandro, many of the leading business structures and most attractive homes in this locality bearing the stamp of his originality as a designer and the high quality of his work as a builder, so that he has won a well merited reputation as one of the leading business men of his locality. Mr. Begier was born in San Francisco, California, August 20, 1884, and is a son of J. H. and Alice (Schultze) Begier, who were born in Hamburg, Germany, where their marriage occurred. The father learned landscape gardening there and in 1882 came to the United States, locating first in North Dakota, but in the following year came to California. He followed the same line in San Francisco until 1885, when he came to San Leandro, where he has since lived. Beginning here with a cash capital of two dollars, he engaged in farming, in which he was not successful because of a lack of funds. Returning to San Francisco, for about six months, he worked as a laborer, and then came back to San Leandro as gardener for Judge Nye. He soon demonstrated his ability and eventually had charge of Judge Nye's fruit picking, with a large force of men under him. Since then prosperity has attended his efforts and, going into business for himself, he has long been extensively and successfully engaged in shipping fruits and vegetables to the eastern markets in carload lots. He has also engaged extensively in raising fruit, being now known as the "Cherry King" of his section of California. And about eighteen years ago he originated the famous Cherry Festival, which has become one of the most important annual events in this section of the state. He resides on a fine eight-acre tract in the city of San Leandro and owns much other valuable property in this locality. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Woodmen of the World and the Kiwanis Club. To him and his wife have been born four children, as follows: Emily, who died at the age of three years; Minnie; Harry H.; and Bernard, who is engaged in the automobile business in Oakland. More detailed reference to Mr. Begier's career is presented in a personal sketch of him on other pages of this work.

Harry H. Begier was about two and a half years old when he was brought to San Leandro and in the grammar schools of this city he secured his education. He first worked for his father in the orchards, gardens and packing house, but he was ambitious for an independent career and to this end took a correspondence course in architecture with the International Correspondence School. He began working for contracting firms, gaining valuable experience in building, as well as in



designing and architecture, and in 1914 he began contracting on his own account. His record since then has been one of repeated successes and he has become known as one of the leading building contractors of Alameda county. He has built up an enormous business, employing from six to forty-six men, and among the contracts completed by him may be mentioned, fourteen bungalows on Oakes boulevard, San Leandro, the V. Santi apartments, the J. H. Begier residence, the Freeman building, on East Fourteenth street, the Garcia apartments, on Estudillo avenue, the American Legion hall, and others of equal importance, for all of which he has also supplied the plans. As a designer Mr. Begier has caught the public fancy, for he incorporates in his plans distinctive ideas that add to the attractiveness and utility of the structures which he plans. His slogans, "Begier Builds Better Bungalows," "Building Built by Begier" and "Being Built by Begier," have become familiar to the people of this district and are fully justified by the superior quality of his work, for he is conscientious in the execution of every contract and does thoroughly and well whatever he undertakes.

On November 29, 1909, in San Francisco, Mr. Begier was united in marriage to Miss Lena Starr. Her father was formerly a member of the firm of Owens & Starr, the largest restaurateurs in San Francisco, but is now engaged in the retail grocery and general merchandise business at Forest Knolls, Marin county. Mr. and Mrs. Begier have had five children but twins died in infancy. The others are Henry Starr, Bernice Elice and Virginia Thelma. Mr. Begier is a member of Alameda Lodge, No. 1015, B. P. O. E.; Court San Leandro, F. O. A., of which he is a past chief ranger and now junior beadle; and San Leandro Camp, W. O. W. He is a republican in his political views and is an adherent of the Presbyterian church. His hobby is gardening, and he is fond of fishing, hunting and outdoor life. He and his family take many enjoyable automobile trips through various sections of the west. He is intensely optimistic, has great faith in the future of San Leandro, and is deeply interested in its progress and welfare. He has a fine business record and throughout his community is held in high esteem because of his sterling integrity and splendid public spirit.

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### EDWARD B. FIELD

The E. B. Field Company, of which Edward B. Field is the head, is one of Oakland's leading real estate firms and in the past seven years has handled a large amount of mercantile and industrial property in this city and county, besides many residence properties. Mr. Field was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 20, 1885, and is a son of Frank O. and Harriet N. (Jones) Field, also natives of Columbus, the father born on April 2, 1858, and the mother September 5, 1860. Both families were established in this country many generations ago, the Field line having originated in France, where the family was known as "de la Field," while the Jones family is of Welsh origin.

Edward B. Field attended the public schools, graduating from high school in Chicago, to which city the family had moved, and then took a civil engineering course with the Illinois Central Railroad. After its completion he was

employed by the Illinois Central in Louisiana, Mississippi and Kentucky, and later worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in Montana, Idaho and Washington. On January 1, 1921, he came to Oakland, established a real estate office and has been very successful, employing a large force and gaining recognition as a progressive, wide-awake and able business man. He has prospered in his undertakings and aside from his real estate interests is a director and vice-president of the Pacific Steel and Wire Company.

On September 23, 1908, in Rosalia, Washington, Mr. Field was united in marriage to Miss Selma Turnley, who was born in Lamar, Johnson county, Arkansas, November 1, 1889, and is of English-Scotch stock. She is a daughter of Robert P. and Laura (Howard) Turnley, now of Rosalia, the former born in Alabama, August 5, 1862, and the latter in Georgia, December 14, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Field are the parents of a daughter, Frances Louise, fifteen years of age. Mr. Field is a republican in his political affiliation and is greatly interested in the welfare and prosperity of Oakland and Alameda county. In 1925 he served as chairman of the harbor bond campaign; in 1927 was chairman of the reappraisal commission of Alameda county; and is now president of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Oakland Real Estate Board. He is a member of the Athenian Nile Club, the Athens Athletic Club, the Diablo Country Club and the Oak Knoll Country Club, and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church of Oakland. Mr. Field is a veteran of the World war, having served as a captain in the Fifth Battalion, Twenty-second Engineers, and saw active service overseas, where he participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne drives. A man of sterling principles and great force of character, he makes a favorable impression on all with whom he comes in contact and throughout the business circles of Oakland is held in high regard for his business ability and for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### DONALD LAWRENCE MARSHALL

Donald L. Marshall, the capable chief of the Oakland police department, has crowded into the last twenty years of his life about as much and as varied experience as any man could hope to acquire. This has been valuable to him in his later work as detective and officer of the law, and in his present important post he is rendering his city invaluable service. Mr. Marshall was born in Clayton, New York, on the 17th of February, 1890, and is a son of Charles Miles and Emma Jane (Longton) Marshall. His father was of Scotch-English descent and his mother of French lineage, and both families were seafaring people.

Donald L. Marhsall attended the public schools of Clayton to the age of sixteen years, when he went to sea, thus spending two years. On January 16, 1909, he enlisted in the regular army, in which he served until January 15, 1912. He was a member of Battery E, Second Regiment United States Field Artillery, in which he served as private, corporal and sergeant. For two years of this time he was in the Philippine islands, sailing from New York, February 17, 1909, for Manila, by way of the Suez canal. He returned to this country by way of the Pacific ocean, and thus has made a trip around the world.



DONALD L. MARSHALL



After leaving the army, Mr. Marshall was employed as a longshoreman, railway mail clerk, a labor foreman on railroad construction work, a prospector and miner in Arizona, a salesman, a department manager in a bank for four years, and as a policeman at the San Francisco exposition in 1915, while during 1916 and part of the following year he served as a guard for the Hercules Powder Company. On August 27, 1917, Mr. Marshall enlisted in the officers training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, and on November 27, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant of field artillery. He sailed from New York for France, January 23, 1918, and returned to the United States, September 15, 1919, having served with several different army organizations in France, among them the Forty-first Division, the Third Division, the Fifth Army Corps and the Seventh Army Corps, besides being detailed as an instructor in training camps. He participated in two major offensives and was on one defensive sector. After receiving his honorable discharge, he was commissioned a captain in the One Hundred and Forty-third Field Artillery of the National Guard, serving five years, and is now a captain of Field Artillery in the Reserve. Since the war Mr. Marshall has followed detective and police work and was county detective in the district attorney's office when he was appointed, July 11, 1927, to his present position as chief of police of Oakland.

On April 26, 1919, at Lambazellec, Brittany, France, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Louise Marie Le Guillou, who was born on March 3, 1896, at Morlaix, France, and is a daughter of Maurice and Louise Le Guillou, the former now deceased, while the mother still resides at Morlaix. Mr. Marshall met his wife in her native town in France after the Armistice, married her and brought her back to the United States with him. To them have been born three children, John Maurice, aged eight years; Donald Charles, aged six; and Mary Emma, four years. In his political views Mr. Marshall is a republican and is a member of the board of governors of the East Bay Safety Council. He is a member of Chateau Thierry Lodge, No. 569, F. & A. M., and the American Legion. He has always been a close student, history and biography having strong attraction for him, and is well and accurately informed on a wide range of subjects. A man of earnest purpose and sterling integrity of character, loyal and true in all of life's relations, he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen, while among his associates and friends he is extremely popular.

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### AMBROSE BROTHERS

The firm of Ambrose Brothers, composed of George C. and William A. Ambrose, of San Leandro, has won a place in the front rank of contractors in sheet metal work, plumbing and heating, and in many of the important buildings of this section of Alameda county are found evidences of the superior quality of their work, which has been their best advertisement. Both brothers were born in Oakland, California, George C. on the 12th of September, 1890, and William A. on the 12th of February, 1892, sons of Antone Angelo and Mary (Megalo) Ambrose, both of whom were born and reared in Italy, though their marriage occurred after they had come to California. The sons were reared and educated in Oakland and

in boyhood gained their first business experience in selling newspapers. During all of their lives they have been associated in their interests and activities and have formed a strong and efficient team. They learned together the metal working, plumbing and heating trades, being first in the employ of Willis B. George, who is now retired from business. Later they worked for Lewis Blake, Spot Brothers and other prominent Oakland firms and contractors, becoming proficient in their line, and in 1911 they started in the contracting business on their own account. Since 1919 they have been located in San Leandro and have here built up a large and successful business, which in recent years has exceeded two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, annually, while they employ as high as thirty men. Among the many contracts which they have executed in this county are many large apartment houses, including the Abbott apartments in Oakland, one hundred and fifty residences in Homes court, Oakland, one hundred and ten houses on the Saroni tract, at Eighty-second street and Foothill boulevard, San Leandro, one hundred and fifty houses in the Broadmoore addition, the Palace theater building in San Leandro, the First Presbyterian church in this city, the Matthews & Boitano building, at 1337 East Fourteenth street, and many others. They own their own home at 206 Chaumalia street and four fine bungalows across the street. They have, in the rear of their home, a large and completely equipped shop, their machinery being of the most modern type, and they are prepared to do any kind of work in their line promptly and efficiently.

Both brothers are married, George C. Ambrose having been married in Oakland, in 1914, to Miss Nicolina Zammerelli, who was born near Naples, Italy, while William A. Ambrose was married in Oakland in 1915 to Miss Antoinette Zammerelli, who also was born near Naples, Italy, and is a cousin of Mrs. Nicolina Ambrose. To William A. Ambrose and wife have been born two children, Estella and Gloria. In 1925 George C. Ambrose and his wife took an extended trip to Italy, visiting Naples, Rome and other cities, and while in Rome were in the Vatican, where they met the Pope (it being Holy year), and also saw Premier Mussolini. The Ambrose brothers are wide-awake, enterprising and progressive business men, conducting their affairs in accord with the highest commercial ethics, and enjoy a splendid reputation for good work and square dealing. Friendly and hospitable, they command the friendship and good will of all who know them and are numbered among San Leandro's most highly esteemed citizens.

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#### ROMAINE W. MYERS

In the field of electrical engineering on the Pacific coast Romaine W. Myers, of Oakland, is a prominent figure, his professional achievements having attracted wide attention, while his knowledge and ability have gained for him a large and remunerative practice as a consulting electrical engineer. Mr. Myers was born in Wahpeton, Richland county, North Dakota, on the 14th of June, 1880, being the first white child born in that county, and is a son of Rufus B. and Florence (Wright) Myers, the latter a native of New Jersey and a descendant of a former governor of that state. Rufus B. Myers was a pioneer lawyer of North Dakota,

where he attained prominence, serving as judge of the probate court, and practicing there until 1888, when he came to Oakland, California, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession here continuously since.

Romaine W. Myers was about eight years of age when brought to Oakland and in the public schools of this city secured his early education. He afterward attended the old Baptist California College and the University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in electrical and illuminating engineering. He was connected with the engineering department of the General Electric Company at various places on the coast, had charge of the installation of the electric plant and street railway in Grass Valley, California, and has done much special work along that line in different sections of this state. He then associated himself as electrical engineer with the United States Engineers and was for five years in charge of all electrical work in connection with the construction of government fortifications. On the completion of that work Mr. Myers left the government service and engaged in the private practice of his profession. He was the consulting electrical engineer in charge of the electrical work on the Estuary Subway, in which he installed an automatic control of the air of the tube, which is regulated by the number of automobiles passing through it. The successful completion of this project, and the efficient manner in which it has operated, gained for him a wide reputation in electric circles and created a larger demand for his services. He also devised the lighting arrangements around Lake Merritt and the lighting system of the Scottish Rite temple, which, in its results and effects, is regarded as one of the finest jobs in the country. He maintains offices in the Federal Telegraph building and is regarded as one of the leading electrical engineers in the west.

Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Marian DeBrish, whose father, Louis DeBrish, was a well known educator in this state for thirty-five years, serving for a number of years as principal of the schools at Alameda. Mr. Myers gives his political support to the republican party and has shown a helpful interest in public affairs. He is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to the High Twelve Club, the Rotary Club, the Electrical Club, the Engineers Club, the Illuminating Engineers Society and the Castlewood Country Club. He is a man of high personal standing, of marked business ability and unquestioned integrity, and, though unassuming and unaffected in manner, the sterling worth of his character is recognized by all with whom he has come in contact

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### LEONARD PERILLO

San Leandro has gained a wide reputation for its cannery products. Chief among the firms engaged in this business is the H. G. Prince Company, operating here one of the largest and best equipped plants in this part of the state. A large share of credit for the success of this establishment is due the capable superintendent, Leonard Perillo, whose efficiency has won for him a high place in the regard of both his employers and the men under him. Mr. Perillo was born near Naples, Italy, on the 9th of March, 1880, and is a son of Carmine and Felicetta

(Roselli) Perillo, well-to-do and highly respected people of their locality. He obtained a good education in the schools of his native land where he lived until 1903, when he came to the United States, locating in San Francisco. Energetic and ambitious, after coming here he furthered his education by private study and in night schools, so that he now speaks, reads and writes several languages, particularly the Latin tongues, and English. He has never avoided hard work or responsibility and has "made good" in every position in which he has been placed. He was first employed at manual labor in San Francisco, and later worked in a cannery, intensively studying every phase of the business, eventually he gained recognition as an expert and dependable workman, the California Packing Corporation promoting him successively to positions of greater responsibility until he became superintendent of one of its plants. In 1922 Mr. Perillo came to San Leandro as superintendent of the big H. G. Prince Company plant, and he is still filling that position with notable success. Alameda county is, because of its excellent climate and superior soil, particularly well adapted to the raising of fruits and vegetables, this having been emphasized by the fact that Luther Burbank selected San Leandro for the location of his demonstration gardens during the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Here the H. G. Prince Company built a modern cannery and established a very successful enterprise, employing during the busy seasons as many as five hundred men and women. All kinds of fruits are preserved, while enormous quantities of tomatoes, asparagus and other vegetables are canned. This is but one of a number of large canneries operated by this well-known concern, whose goods are recognized as of superior quality, and Mr. Perillo has taken a justifiable pride in the efficient operation of the plant over which he has complete supervision.

In 1906, in San Francisco, Mr. Perillo was united in marriage to Miss Iola Felizianetti, who is a native of Venice, Italy, and they are the parents of five children, Vera, Dora, Evelyn, Delia and Leonard, Jr. In 1915 Mr. Perillo erected a comfortable and attractive home at 2247 Washington avenue, San Leandro, and here the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is always in evidence. He has entered heartily into the civic and social life of the community and everywhere he commands respect and good will, being regarded as a man of superior business and executive ability and commendable personal qualities.

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#### FRED W. PETERSEN

The position of county superintendent of buildings and bridges is one of great importance and large responsibility and the present incumbent of the office in Alameda county, Fred W. Petersen, has measured fully up to the demands of his position, discharging his duties in a manner that has gained for him the respect of his fellow citizens. Mr. Petersen was born in Brooklyn, New York, August 21, 1874, and is a son of Henry Ulrick and Amelia (Bergner) Petersen. His father was a sea captain and his ancestors for six hundred years had followed the sea. About 1877 he brought his family to California, and here his death occurred in April, 1886. The mother passed away in 1909.



Fred W. Petersen received a good public school education, which he supplemented by a course in a technical college. He then learned the plumbing and heating business, at which he was employed for a time as a journeyman, but later engaged in business on his own account, being so occupied until 1913, when he was appointed county superintendent of buildings and bridges. He has charge of all public buildings and bridges in the Oakland estuary, as well as supervision over the engineers and janitors employed in these buildings, and is thus responsible for the proper care of all public offices. He has taken great pride in the efficient functioning of his department and his well directed efforts have received frequent commendation from those who are cognizant of his good work.

Mr. Petersen is a republican in his political views and is a member of the loyal Order of Moose. He has served with the military forces of his country, having been with the United States troops during the Mexican border troubles, and when the United States entered the World war he entered the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where, from 1917 until the close of the war, he served as an instructor. He entered the service as a captain and now holds a commission as lieutenant-colonel in the United States Reserves. Mr. Petersen has always been fond of outdoor life and, following the bent of his family, is thoroughly at home on the water. He excels in rowing and sailing, and in the former sport has won many prizes. He is widely and favorably known throughout this locality and, because of his straightforward manner and excellent personal qualities, commands the esteem and good will of all who know him.

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### EDWIN S. WARREN

Edwin S. Warren, of Hayward, has through his activities in the real estate business been a large factor in the development of his community and stands among its successful and influential citizens. He was born in Alvarado, Alameda county, California, in 1863, and is a son of Stafford Deane and Martha M. (Wright) Warren. The father was born in Canada of American parents, and the mother was a native of New York. His paternal grandfather was a contractor on the construction of the Erie canal in New York and in 1848 crossed the plains with ox teams, locating in Redwood Canyon, Alameda county, where he established a charcoal plant, remains of which still exist as landmarks and reminders of pioneer days. Later he returned east and located in Michigan, where he was killed by Indians while engaged in building a house in that unsettled country.

In 1847 Stafford D. Warren was married and, getting together what money he could, he and his wife came to California in 1853 by way of the Isthmus of Panama, landing at San Francisco. For awhile he engaged in teaming, transporting freight from the harbor lighters, and he later followed mining in Trinity county, this state. During this period he bought a ranch near Alvarado, Alameda county, a suburb of Union City, which in the early days was a well known shipping point. Eventually he located on this ranch, which he improved and developed into a good farm, where he lived until 1866, when he sold it. In 1868 he removed to Hayward, arriving here on the day of the big earthquake. At that time he bought

the twelve acres of land now owned by Edwin S. Warren, and there he lived until his death in 1904, at the age of eighty years. The mother died there in 1891, at the age of sixty-seven years. Mr. Warren was a republican in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational church, of which he was a deacon. One of our subject's uncles, Reuben Wright, installed the first water plant in Sacramento.

Edwin S. Warren lived at Alvarado until five years of age, when the family removed to Hayward, where he attended the public school. He was graduated from the University of California in 1885, after which he entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad, with which company he remained for a number of years. While in college he had studied civil engineering and on leaving the railroad he became assistant city engineer of Seattle, Washington, where he was engaged in the laying out and building of streets until 1889. He then took charge of large property holdings of the Maxwell Land Grant in Colfax county, New Mexico, where he laid out and improved town sites until 1900, when he returned to Hayward. While in New Mexico he worked under James L. de Fremery of Oakland, California, whose father was minister to Holland at that time and through these Holland connections became interested in a large land grant in New Mexico.

In 1902 Mr. Warren became superintendent of the Hayward Water Company, which position he held for twenty years, though during that period he had also become interested in the real estate developments of this section of the county, establishing a real estate office on Castro street. He and his wife have also become financially interested in apartment houses in San Francisco, Mrs. Warren looking after that part of their business, while Mr. Warren manages the realty business in Hayward, and they have been very successful in all of their affairs. Since 1900 he has successfully handled a number of valuable tracts in the vicinity of Hayward, including the Warren Russell addition, the Highland addition, the Bay View tract, and has a tract to lay out on B street.

In 1900, while living in New Mexico, Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Leak, whose parents were born in Indiana. On returning to Hayward Mr. and Mrs. Warren moved into the old Warren home, where they have since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren have been born two children. Stafford, who enlisted in the medical department of the United States navy at San Francisco, now has charge of the pathological department of the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital at Rochester, New York, and is also connected with the Eastman Hospital in that city. He was sent abroad by the hospital authorities and spent some time in research work there. He married Miss Viola Lockhart, a classmate at the university, and they have two children, Jane R. and Stafford D. Edward Guy Warren, the younger son, also enlisted during the World war but was refused, being only sixteen years of age at that time. He was employed by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company as an engineer on the Pitt river development and is now located at Hayward, where he is doing engineering work. In 1924 he married Miss Adair Garrecht, a daughter of Louis L. Garrecht, county assessor of Shasta county, this state, and they have one child, Richard Stafford.

Mr. Warren is a republican in his political views and has been active in matters affecting the welfare of his community, having served a number of years as a member of the board of high school trustees. He is a member of the Woodmen of the

World. He and his wife take a deep interest in the social and cultural activities of Hayward, and their efforts have ever been directed to the support of movements calculated to advance the locality in which they live, and where they enjoy a well deserved popularity.

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### ROBERT G. HEARNE

Robert G. Hearne has gained well deserved prominence in the real estate circles of Oakland and, as first vice president of Wickham-Havens, Inc., is an important factor in the successful operation of this well known concern. Mr. Hearne was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 5th of October, 1895, a son of Robert G. and Frances (Wild) Hearne. The father, who was a railroad man, died when his son was an infant, and the mother is now living in Oakland.

Robert G. Hearne attended the public schools and Mercersburg Academy, in Pennsylvania, continuing his studies in Cornell University and the University of Chicago. For one and a half years during the World war he served as a member of the Motor Transport Corps and after receiving his discharge, in March, 1919, came to Oakland, where he entered the employ of the W. H. Leimert Company, with which he remained for three years. In July, 1922, Mr. Hearne became identified with the Wickham-Havens, Inc., as a salesman, in which capacity he served for three years, making an enviable record, and in 1925 was made vice president of the corporation. This is the oldest real estate organization in Oakland and has been prominently identified with the development of the city, having put on many subdivisions and handled some of the choicest residential sections of Piedmont, Berkeley and other parts of the county.

Mr. Hearne was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude A. Reicker, of Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity, the Orinda Club and the Athens Club. He is fond of golf and tennis and other outdoor sports, is a popular member of the social circles in which he moves and has a host of loyal friends throughout this city.

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### JOHN ED WILLEY

For a number of years John E. Willey has rendered able and satisfactory service as chief of the fire department of Emeryville and stands high in the esteem of the people of that community, who appreciate his faithful and efficient discharge of duty. Mr. Willey was born at Sonora, California, July 29, 1883, while his parents, William Miller and Carmen (Ballestero) Willey, were on their way from the south to San Francisco. His paternal grandfather, Dr. John Michael Willey, who was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Dublin, came to San Francisco in an early day, being a pioneer of this locality, and he was also a noted organist. William M. Willey, also a physician, practiced his

profession in San Francisco a number of years but he and his wife are now deceased.

John E. Willey attended the public schools of Oakland, where the family had located, completing his education at the Tompkins school. At the age of fourteen years he went to sea on a double masted schooner, and followed that work for many years. He received a chief engineer's unlimited license and was in the engine room of the "Astor" during the Spanish-American war. He spent sixteen years at sea, and also served as a bay pilot and as captain of the fire tug for the Standard Oil Company at Richmond for six and a half years. In 1918 he came to Emeryville to relieve the chief of the fire department, and soon afterward was appointed to that position, which he has held to the present time. At one time he was on duty for four days and nights continuously, the other members of the fire department being sick with the influenza, and in other ways he has shown admirable loyalty to duty, the department under his supervision functioning in a manner that has been very satisfactory to the people of the town.

Captain Willey was united in marriage to Miss Grace White, who is a native of California, and they have a daughter, Mrs. Evalyn Bartholomew. The Captain is a republican in his political alignment, and is a member of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs Association. He is a man of sterling character, courteous and affable in manner, and throughout the community in which he lives has many warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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### JESSE WELDON O'NEILL

In the practice of law Jesse W. O'Neill, of Oakland, has gained noteworthy success, being regarded as one of the leading members of the Alameda county bar, while in civic affairs he has gained general recognition as one of the public-spirited and dependable citizens of his community. Mr. O'Neill was born at Boulder, Colorado, on the 31st of December, 1890, and is a son of John McCormack and Jennie (Weldon) O'Neill, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Michigan. His father was a prominent railroad and mining attorney and served as a district court judge in Texas.

Jesse W. O'Neill attended the public schools of Yreka, Siskiyou county, California, graduating from high school, and then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in May, 1913. On July 1, 1913, he was admitted to the bar and at once located in Oakland, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession continuously since. His practice is limited to civil and probate law, in which he has won a large and important clientele, being looked upon as a sound, safe and reliable counselor and attorney. He is a director of and attorney for the Securities Investment Corporation of Oakland.

On September 2, 1914, at Turlock, California, Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Miss Clara Schorer, a daughter of Rev. William and Wilhelmina Schorer. Her father, a native of Switzerland, was long an active and well known minister of the Presbyterian church and is now deceased. Her mother, who was born in



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Kansas, now resides in Hollywood, California. Mrs. O'Neill attended Mills College for two years and the University of California for two years, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in May, 1914. She is prominent in the social and business affairs of the Mills Club and is actively interested in Baby Hospital work. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill have one child, Jack, who is now eight years of age. In his political views, Mr. O'Neill is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Oakland Lodge, No. 171, B. P. O. E., belonging to its advisory and Americanization committees. He also has membership in Oakland Lodge, L. O. O. M., and Berkeley Chapter of the Delta Chi college fraternity, of which he was president in 1913. He is chairman of the grievance committee of the Alameda County Bar Association. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church of Oakland and he takes an active interest in all civic movements of a beneficent nature, standing for all that is best in the life of the community. He enjoys well merited popularity among his associates, being a man of cordial and friendly disposition, and throughout the city in which he lives he is held in high regard for his integrity of character, his professional attainments and his splendid personal qualities.

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#### F. J. HIRSCHMANN

The life story of F. J. Hirschmann, one of San Leandro's prominent and successful business men, if told in detail would make a most interesting chapter, for he has passed through many and varied experiences, some of which have been decidedly unpleasant. His record since coming to San Leandro has been a remarkable one, his achievements in a commercial way reflecting great credit on his ability and judgment, and today no resident of the community commands to a greater degree than he the public confidence and good will.

Mr. Hirschmann was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 26th of January, 1876, a son of Karl and Caroline Hirschmann. The father was an expert mahogany worker, being employed in finishing pipe organs in Germany, and he was a man of good education, being able to speak the German and French languages. In 1880 he brought his family to the United States on a sailing vessel which required fifty-six days to make the passage, and they located first at Pettisville, Ohio. A short time later he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in the shops of the Pullman Car Company. From there he went to Roger City, Michigan, where he was employed at the carpenter's trade, building houses and also making coffins when needed, and while there he also did the finishing work in mahogany on the "Alpena," the "Flora" and the "Charlevoix," large lake steamships. His next move was to Emerald, Lancaster county, Nebraska, and from there to Lincoln, that state, where he built the German Orphans Home. From there he went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked in the factory of Lutch & Laesher, manufacturers of cedar chests. Later he located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, but, not satisfied with that section of the country, he came to California, living in Bakersfield, Fresno and Oakland. In the last named city he spent his remaining years, dying

there in 1922 at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died there sometime previously, when sixty-eight years old.

F. J. Hirschmann spent two years in a German college studying for the ministry. He began his business career as a delivery boy in a grocery store, and when the family located in Dubuque, Iowa, he went to work as a newsboy and peanut vender on the Illinois Central Railroad, running from Dubuque to Sioux City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Later he ran from Chicago, Illinois, to Sioux Falls, and then from Chicago to Centralia, Vandalia and Cairo, Illinois. In 1896 Mr. Hirschmann became a freight brakeman on the Illinois Central road, running from Freeport, Illinois, to Clinton, Illinois, and in the course of time was promoted to freight conductor. During these years he met with three serious accidents, either one of which came near costing him his life. The first accident occurred at Minonk, Illinois, where he was thrown from the top of a freight car, breaking his left leg; near Bloomington, Illinois, the top handhold of a car pulled out and he fell off while the train was running at a speed of fifty-five miles an hour, and he received internal injuries; and at Decatur, Illinois, the car on which he was riding failed to clear a passing train, which struck him and he suffered several broken ribs, his lantern was crushed and a bolt penetrated his train book. The lantern and book are still in his possession as souvenirs of his experience. His injuries have necessitated seventeen operations, all of which he passed through without taking an anesthetic. Despite his accidents and injuries, he is today in good health and enjoys life as only a well man can.

When Mr. Hirschmann heard of the great California earthquake of April 17, 1906, he made all possible haste to the coast, fearful of the safety of his parents, whom he found unharmed in Oakland. He was so pleased with this part of the country that he decided to remain here and, going to Needles, California, obtained employment as a conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad, having charge of a water train which ran from Newberry to Bagdad. His train consisted of twenty-two cars, each of which contained six thousand gallons of water. After a year on that road, Mr. Hirschmann returned to Oakland and became a motorman for the Oakland Traction Company. A year later he resigned that position and, coming to San Leandro, he demanded a job in the San Leandro Cash Store, and got it. However, he did not like the position, so quit and engaged in hauling and dealing in potatoes. At that time the potato market had been cornered and he was compelled to give up that line of effort. With a cash capital of three dollars, he established the San Leandro Creamery, which proved a fortunate venture and from that day prosperity has attended him. He has been painstaking and thorough in everything he has undertaken, and as his business increased and his financial condition permitted, he has gradually increased the scope of his operations until now he has a full-fledged department store and does an important and prosperous business. His accomplishments in twenty years have not been attained without hard work and the exercise of sound discrimination, and he has shown himself a capable and dependable business man, true to high commercial principles and loyal to every engagement, so that he has long commanded the absolute confidence of all who have dealt with him. His first location was at the corner of East Fourteenth and Ward streets, where he remained until 1910, when he moved to the Best building, where the Bank of Italy is now situated. In 1913 he located in the Masonic



Temple, where he operated three stores until 1922, since which time he has been in the Herrscher building at the corner of Washington avenue and Ward street. He occupies the first, second and third floors of this building and carries a large and well selected stock of groceries, delicatessen goods, vegetables, fresh and salt meats, household goods, furniture, stoves, bakery goods, confectionery, fruits, linoleum, curtains, caskets, crockery goods, and in fact everything required in the furnishing and operating of a home. He has a free delivery truck and employs five assistants in the store.

In 1901, in Freeport, Illinois, Mr. Hirschmann was united in marriage to Mrs. Olga Lienau, who was born in Wheatland, Iowa, but was living in Freeport at the time of her marriage.

In his political views Mr. Hirschmann is a democrat and he has always taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs. He has been active in his support of all local interests and is a persistent and effective booster for San Leandro. He is a member of the Foresters of America and the U. P. E. C. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and the basis of his religious belief is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He is a reader, a thinker and a philosopher, and says he can never think as clearly as when engaged in a game of solitaire. He is generous and charitable, "others" and "otherdom" being words of profound meaning to him, and no worthy cause appeals to him in vain. His varied experiences have given him a broad outlook on life, and he is characterized by a spirit of tolerance and good will. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout his section of the county, and all who know him hold him in the highest esteem for his genuine worth.

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### H. MORTON SPRINGER

H. Morton Springer, who is rendering capable and satisfactory service as under-sheriff of Alameda county, for which position he is well qualified, was born in Oroville, Butte county, California, December 24, 1886, and is a son of Benjamin and Nina Bernard (Morton) Springer. His father was a pioneer of California, having come to this state in young manhood, and during his early years here was employed as a blacksmith at the mines, later following that line of work independently to the time of his death, which occurred in 1910.

H. M. Springer secured his educational training in the public and high schools of Oroville and was then appointed to a position in the postoffice there, in which he remained for six years. He next went to work for a lumber company, having charge of accounts, and during the following eleven years was office manager for the Alameda Sugar Company. On the 1st of July, 1927, he was appointed under-sheriff of Alameda county and is discharging the duties of that position in a manner that has gained for him the high regard of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Springer was united in marriage to Miss Rose Grugan, who also was born and reared at Oroville, and they are the parents of a son, H. Morton, Jr. In politics, Mr. Springer is an ardent republican and has been active in local public affairs. In Masonry he has attained the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite, and belongs also to the Eastern Star. He is a member of the Benevolent Protec-

tive Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekah and the Native Sons of the Golden West. A man of sterling character and strong individuality, he has attained an enviable place in public esteem and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Alameda county.

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### DAVID URY

The history of San Leandro and that of the Ury family are pretty much one and the same thing, for when David Ury located here in 1856 the town was still in its early stage of development and during the subsequent years he or his descendants have been active and influential in the commercial and civic affairs of the community. Mr. Ury established the first meat market here and for over seventy years it has stood among the leading business concerns of San Leandro, always enjoying the confidence of the public and commanding its full share of patronage.

David Ury was born in Alsace-Lorraine, under the French flag, about 1828, and was given the advantage of a good education, acquiring a speaking knowledge of several languages, including French, German, Spanish, Mexican and English. On coming to the United States he first located in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he remained until 1855, when he came to California. He lived in San Francisco one year and in 1856 located in San Leandro, with which city he remained closely identified up to the time of his death, which occurred July 25, 1900, when he was seventy-two years of age. In April, 1856, he established the first meat market here and soon built up a good trade. Being able to speak Spanish was an advantage to him and among those to whom he sold meat were members of the notorious Murietta gang of bandits but whose banditry was unknown to Mr. Ury at that time. They lived at Fandango, which is the present site of the extinct village of Mexico, near Livermore. At one time he sold a sixty-dollar suit of clothing to one of the "dons" belonging to the Murietta gang, selling it on credit or "manana" as the Spanish say. A month later, to Mr. Ury's possible surprise, this person handed to him three twenty-dollar gold pieces in full payment of the account. When Mr. Ury first started in business his only source of meat supply were the wild Spanish cattle, the meat from which had a wild, deer-like taste, there being no high-grade cattle of any breed in this locality then. Meat refrigeration was unknown, and the first carcass handled by Mr. Ury spoiled before he had it all sold. However, he kept pace with the times and when ice came into use here as preservative of foods he was the first to install a refrigerator for commercial purposes in San Leandro. On March 14, 1857, Mr. Ury received a deed to the property now occupied by the market, paying two hundred dollars for the lot, which is fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet in size, the deed being signed by Juana M. Estudillo and six other Estudillo heirs. This was one of the earliest business structures in the town, and it is worthy of note that the first house built in San Leandro in 1851 is still standing, being located across from the bridge back of Ford's place. When the county seat was moved from Alvarado to San Leandro the principal thoroughfare here was Davis street, Kanacka Davis, after whom the street was named, hav-

ing married into the Estudillo family. In those days public hangings took place in the jailyard in the courthouse square. On October 21, 1868, a terrible earthquake occurred, totally destroying the old courthouse, of which not even a chimney was left standing, while the corners of the old Webber House also fell. In the destruction of the courthouse J. W. Joslyn, deputy county clerk, was killed. Flag poles and other tall objects swayed until their tops almost touched the ground, while at a number of places cracks ten feet wide were opened up in the ground, some of these chasms draining the creeks so that their beds were dry in a few hours.

David Ury took a keen interest in the development and progress of his community and gave of his time and influence in the advancement of measures for the general good of the people. He rendered effective service as a member of the board of city trustees and was for many years a member of the old volunteer fire department. He was kind and generous in disposition, his integrity of character and square dealing commending him to the confidence of his fellowmen, and he was regarded as one of the progressive and dependable men of his community.

In February, 1857, in San Francisco, Mr. Ury was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Levy, of that city, and they at once started housekeeping in San Leandro. The citizens of the town tendered them a grand reception and ball at the old Estudillo House, which at that time was being run by A. Rettig, a Frenchman. Mrs. Ury proved a true helpmate to her husband, encouraging and assisting him in every possible way, while in the circles in which she moved she was deservedly popular because of her gracious and tactful manner and her excellent personal qualities. Her death occurred April 23, 1899.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ury were born eight children, namely: Sol, who, at the age of seventy years resides in San Leandro, married Miss Gertrude Marshall and they became the parents of four children, Stella, Sadie, Ruth and Fannie. Felix, who is deceased, was married but left no children. Aaron, who on the death of his father, was made owner of the Ury meat market in copartnership with his sister Sarah, married Miss Elizabeth Seligman and they became the parents of six children, David, Fannie, Evelyn, Adrion, Gilbert and Joseph. Sarah, who is a member of the firm of A. Ury & Company, operating the business established by her father, resides in the old Ury home, of which she is the sole owner, and she enjoys a wide reputation for her hospitality and friendliness. Jeanette, deceased, was the wife of W. J. Wallace. Joseph died in 1914, at the age of forty-eight years, unmarried. Isaac B. is manager of the San Leandro Meat Market, owned by A. Ury & Company. Rose is the wife of Axel Peterson of Hayward, California, and they have a son, Herbert. Isaac Ury, who resides on Washington avenue in San Leandro, married Mrs. Grace Bacon, a widow and the mother of two children by her first marriage, and to them has been born a daughter, Phyllis, who is attending the University of California. Miss Sarah Ury has been actively interested in local civic affairs and is a past noble grand of the Daughters of Rebekah. Sol Ury, now the oldest living white boy born in San Leandro, is a meat cutter by trade and is well and favorably known throughout this section of the country. He is intimately familiar with the history of this locality and two years ago wrote an interesting and valuable historical article on San Leandro for the Oakland Post Enquirer. He served as a member of the old volunteer fire department. The members of the Ury family have

always stood among San Leandro's enterprising and public-spirited citizens and have taken a just pride in the advancement of their community to an honored place among the best towns of Alameda county. "Live and Let Live" has been their motto and no movement for the betterment of community welfare has lacked for their hearty support. For these reasons, as well for their upright and sincere lives, they command the genuine regard and good will of all who know them.

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### EDMUND DE FREITAS

The name of de Freitas is well known throughout Alameda county, the family having been established here in an early day, and it is now worthily represented by Frank L. de Freitas, who is numbered among the leading members of the bar of this county, his law offices being in the Easton building in Oakland. Mr. de Freitas was born in Flores, Azores islands, on the 28th of February, 1860, and is a son of Frank J. and Mary E. de Freitas. On coming to the United States, the family located in Alameda county, California, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives, both dying here at the age of eighty-five years.

Frank L. de Freitas attended school to some extent in the Azores; continued his education in the public schools of Oakland, and then entered Heald's Business College in San Francisco, from which he was graduated in June, 1884. During the following two years he was employed as a bookkeeper in a cigar factory and then went to San Diego, where he was similarly employed for twenty-two years. Meanwhile he had been devoting his spare time to the study of law and in 1904, after taking the bar examination, was admitted to practice. He then returned to Oakland, where he has practiced his profession continuously to the present time. Years of conscientious work have brought increase of practice and reputation, and Mr. de Freitas has long been regarded as one of the dependable and trustworthy lawyers of this section of the state, having been connected as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this and neighboring counties.

Frank L. de Freitas was united in marriage to Miss Rose Crabb and to them have been born two children, namely: Mabel, who is the wife of O. L. Brillhart, manager of the Merchants Credit Association of Oakland, and Edmund. Frank L. de Freitas has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and has at all times shown a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the U. P. E. C. and the State Bar Association. A man of sterling character, marked individuality and friendly manner, he has a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the state and commands the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

Edmund de Freitas was born in San Francisco, September 2, 1892, and became a resident of Oakland in 1904. He attended the public schools, graduating from the Franklin grammar school in 1912 and from the Oakland high school in June, 1916. He then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in May, 1920, and, continuing his studies in the law school of that university, was granted the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in May, 1922. He has since been associated with his father in the

practice of law, with offices in the Easton building, Oakland, and has won recognition as an able and successful practitioner.

Edmund de Freitas was married October 15, 1924, to Miss Alice Jane Nielsen, of Piedmont, a daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. H. Nielsen, the former being a well known canner and packer of this city. Mr. de Freitas is a republican in politics and is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Alpha Delta college fraternities. He is a veteran of the World war, having on his enlistment gone into training at the machine gun replacement camp at Augusta, Georgia. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Seventy-third Company of the Sixth Group Machine Gun Training Center, and from June, 1918, to June, 1919 served as machine gun instructor.

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### THOMAS FERRO

Thomas Ferro has gained a well merited reputation throughout Oakland as an enterprising business man and a good citizen, who has been loyal to his adopted country and is worthy of the respect which is accorded him by his fellowmen. Mr. Ferro was born in Italy on the 2nd of May, 1889, and is a son of Nicholas and Bessie (Perrata) Ferro. The former is a stonemason and both parents are still living in Italy, but expect to come to Oakland soon.

Thomas Ferro was educated in the public schools of Italy and then learned the trade of stonemason under his father. He came to the United States when seventeen years of age, locating in Oakland, where he secured employment at the Dowd Pump Works. He remained there until 1909, when he became connected with the Oakland Scavenger Association, of which he has been president since 1915. There are one hundred and eighty-three persons interested in the association and two hundred and twenty men are in its employ.

Mr. Ferro was united in marriage to Miss Mary Perrata, who was born and reared in Oakland, and they are the parents of three children, Norma, Thomas Jr., and Donald. Mr. Ferro is a republican in his political views and has shown a deep interest in the general welfare of his city and county. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and various Italian societies. A lover of outdoor life, he is very fond of hunting, in which sport he frequently indulges. He is friendly and affable in manner and stands high in the regard of his associates and friends.

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### JOSEPH E. FRANCIS

Joseph E. Francis has long been recognized as one of the leading plumbing experts of Oakland, and in his present position as chief plumbing inspector for the city is rendering valuable service to his community. A native of Oakland, he was born on the 24th of March, 1881, and is a son of Joseph Thomas and Mary (Cunningham) Francis. The father who was a seaman, came to this state in 1877.

Subsequently he quit the sea and engaged in general contracting, coming to Oakland in 1879, and here living until his death, which occurred in 1909. His wife, who is a native of San Francisco, still resides in Oakland.

Joseph E. Francis attended the public schools and the Oakland high school, and then learned the plumbing trade, which he followed until 1914, when he was appointed chief plumbing and sanitary inspector, which position he held for eighteen months. He then resumed his trade, which he followed until 1920, when he was appointed deputy plumbing inspector of the city, and in July, 1927, was made chief plumbing inspector. His thorough technical knowledge and the high standard which he always maintained in his own work have given him strong qualifications for the responsible position which he holds and his record has gained for him the respect and confidence of all who know him. He possesses marked talent along mechanical lines and has invented and patented a number of articles relating to plumbing, all of which are in demand by the trade.

Mr. Francis was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Comiel Nicol, who was born and reared in Oakland, and they are the parents of three children, Adele Severine, Raymond Kenneth and Dorothy Isabel. Mr. Francis gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He gives close attention to the conduct of his department, in which he has made an enviable record, and is regarded as one of the most loyal and efficient members of the city administration.

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### T. L. CHRISTIANSON

When T. L. Christianson, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Oakland, entered upon his professional career he was unusually well prepared with a practical knowledge of certain outside subjects which has stood him in good stead as an attorney, and today he is regarded as one of the most astute and dependable members of the Alameda county bar. Mr. Christianson was born in Oakland, California, on the 16th of February, 1880, a son of Captain H. O. and Karen (Thompson) Christianson, who were natives of Norway. His father was a seafaring man, being a master mariner, and was captain of the "Melpomene," which at that time was the largest steel vessel in the world. He came to California in 1876 and his death occurred in Oregon in 1893. He was survived a number of years by his widow, who died in Oakland in 1901.

T. L. Christianson spent his boyhood years in Washington county, Oregon, where he received a country school education. When seventeen years of age he returned to Oakland, where he attended the public schools and night schools, and later studied dentistry. He was employed for a time as a clerk in a drug store and during that period also studied medicine under the direction of several physicians, thus gaining knowledge which has been invaluable to him in his legal practice. He made such progress along that line and showed such ability that he was appointed assistant to the surgeon-general under Governor Pardee. While holding that position he took up the study of law and later entered the law department of Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, and completed his last year of law study in the Central Law School of Indianapolis, from which he was graduated with the degree



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of Bachelor of Laws, standing near the head of his class. After taking the bar examination, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Indiana, and was later admitted to practice before the department of the interior in 1913. For two years he was associated with the law firm of Holtzman & Coleman in Indianapolis, after which he returned to the coast and was admitted to practice in this state, opening a law office in the Plaza building in Oakland. He has been more than ordinarily successful and as a patent lawyer has no superiors in this section, being at this time the California representative of Samuel Herrick, the eminent patent attorney of Washington, D. C.

On May 28, 1907, Mr. Christianson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth L. Spencer, who was born in Denver, Colorado, and is a daughter of Joseph Spencer, now connected with the water company at Burlingame, California. Her grandfather, who was of English descent, was a prominent physician of New York city. Mrs. Christianson died January 2, 1919, leaving five children, Lawrence, Blaine, Elizabeth and Loraine, twins, and Primavera. Mr. Christianson is a member of the Medico-Legal Society of New York. A man of scholarly tastes and wide learning, his ability is recognized by all who come in contact with him and his resourcefulness, determination and sound judgment have enabled him to realize a splendid measure of success in the courts of California, in which he has frequently appeared in important cases. Personally, he is a man of cordial and agreeable manner, well liked by all who know him, and he commands the respect of his colleagues and the confidence of the public.

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#### RICHARD M. HAMB

For the past seventeen years Richard M. Hamb has been numbered among the efficient and loyal employees of the city of Oakland, and his recent appointment as executive secretary to the city auditor was a well deserved promotion, for he has proven a man of ability, and dependable in every position in which he has served. Mr. Hamb was born in Oakland, on the 28th of April, 1875, and is a son of William J. and Margaret (Cosgrove) Hamb. His father came to California, by way of Cape Horn, soon after the great gold rush, but later returned east, where he remained until 1874. In that year he again came to this state, making the journey by way of the isthmus of Panama, and for several years was in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Later he assisted in the construction of the narrow gauge railroad built by James Fair, and afterwards became a member of the Oakland fire department, with which he served for many years, or until retired on a pension. He died in 1925, at the age of eighty-six years, and his wife passed away in 1915.

Richard M. Hamb secured his early education in the public schools of Oakland, which he supplemented by a university extension course and attendance at business college and night school. He then taught in the night school without pay for a short time, and later turned his attention to the wood-working trade, which he thoroughly learned in all of its branches. For several years he was in charge of plants for various companies and in 1910 entered the employ of the city of Oak-

land. He was in the revenue and finance department, having charge of the tax office until 1927, when he was advanced to his present position as executive secretary to the city auditor.

Mr. Hamb was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Moore, a native of this state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, and they now have two children, Richard C. and Mabel G. In his political adherency Mr. Hamb is a republican and has always shown an active and effective interest in local public affairs. He was elected a freeholder and helped to frame the charter under which the city of Oakland now operates. He spent much study and time in working out the retirement system of the city, which is now the basis for the pensioning of retired employees. He has long been an active member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, of which he is now a grand trustee; is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and served for twelve years as president of the Employees Association of Oakland. Every enterprise tending to better the community or advance the public welfare receives his hearty support and he is generally recognized as one of the city's most progressive and public-spirited men, commanding the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### A. C. JENSEN

Alameda county has never neglected its people whose misfortunes have made them dependent on the community or whose physical infirmities have disqualified them from earning a livelihood. The county now owns and operates three institutions of a benevolent nature, each of which is specific in its functions, though all three coordinate in their operations and mutually promote their general program of relief and helpfulness. These institutions are the Fairmont Hospital, located on the Foothill boulevard, about three miles east of San Leandro and about ten miles from the center of Oakland, which cares for the chronic and convalescent cases and the indigent poor of the county; the Highland Hospital, at Fourteenth street and Valacito place, Oakland, which takes care of all acute medical and surgical cases, except tubercular; and the Arroyo Hospital, located five miles beyond Lummon, which is a sanitarium for tubercular cases in the early stages.

When the present plan of administration and organization of Fairmont hospital was initiated the plant consisted of about one hundred and twenty buildings, most of which were but little better than shacks, all of the buildings being unsanitary and the equipment obsolete. Although favored with a beautiful natural location, overlooking San Francisco bay, no effort had been made to beautify the grounds and the appearance of the place was anything but attractive. It was decided to reconstruct as many of the old buildings as possible and at the same time arrange for the future permanent grouping of the buildings. The main hospital building was remodeled and furnished with modern hospital equipment, while the professional care of patients was raised to the standard required by the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association. The wards for tubercular patients were removed to a better location and remodeled and the standard of equipment, organization and care raised to meet the requirements of the tuber-

culosis bureau of the state board of health, while the isolation hospital was rebuilt and equipped to meet the standard of a modern hospital for the treatment of communicable diseases. Wards were built for the proper care of chronic patients and the buildings for the housing of ambulatory inmates were remodeled and put in sanitary condition. A new service building was erected, providing an adequate kitchen and bakery for the entire institution and dining rooms for the staff, employees and inmates. An employees' home was provided, a power plant and laundry built, and a number of the old buildings were remodeled. A dairy, situated on an adjoining property, was purchased, and the old dairy barn, a well constructed building, was converted into a storehouse. The poultry plant and other farm activities were moved to the new dairy and water mains, sewers and steam lines were installed.

Because of the fact that the building program of Highland Hospital required several years to complete, it became necessary to develop at Fairmont a medical organization that would not only meet present needs, but would develop into a nucleus for Highland. To this end a visiting staff of forty medical men was appointed and a resident medical staff, composed of a resident physician with twelve internes, was developed. A nurses' training school was also established, developing into a first-class school of fifty pupils, and this was transferred to Highland Hospital when it was opened in September, 1926. These two hospitals coordinate in every possible way, practically all laboratory work being done at Highland, while all laundry and baking is done at Fairmont. Fairmont now has seven hundred and fifty patients and inmates, and there are one hundred and seventy employees. The operation of the hospital is divided into two divisions, that of hospital care for the chronic and convalescent sick, and that of home care for the aged and infirm. Patients treated in Highland who cannot be cared for in their own homes during convalescence are transferred to Fairmont, where all hospital wards are supervised by graduate nurses. A very important and beneficent feature of the operation of Fairmont is the occupational therapy given patients through employment, when prescribed by the physician in charge, those who are physically able being assigned to work, taking into consideration their former occupations, personal preferences and physical and mental handicaps. A two-fold purpose is back of this plan, first, that every inmate needs employment to give him an interest in life, and, second, that no person should be cared for at public expense if he is able to earn his own living in whole or in part, and many of the inmates have thus been able to do this in the institution who would not otherwise be able to do so. Those who work are happier than if idle and are really accomplishing something worth while, and those whose work justifies it are paid small sums. The grounds are cared for by inmates, under the direction of a head gardener, as is also the large greenhouse. The mattress shop, shoe shop, tailor shop, blacksmith, tin and machine shops, carpenter, plumbing and paint shops, the laundry and the power and refrigerating plants are all operated by inmates, under proper supervision, the laundry work amounting to over two hundred thousand pieces a month. Another valuable department of the hospital work is the "community shoppe," in which, under a trained occupational therapy teacher, inmates are taught basketry, weaving, matting, brush making and various kinds of hand work. The articles made are sold, one-half of the sale price being given to the inmates for this labor, and the other half paying for the mate-

rials and time of the instructor. The response of the patients has been fine and in many cases their attitude has been changed from one of complaint and dissatisfaction to one of cooperation and satisfaction. The patients sleep in dormitories, but during the day most of their time is spent outdoors, while for evening and bad weather they have a living room adjoining each ward and a pleasant library in which to gather. Recreation is provided by weekly pictures and other entertainments and religious services. Fairmont Hospital is thus designed to provide for the poor who are suffering from chronic illness a hospital where they can be given the necessary physical and medical care at proper cost; for the indigent aged and handicapped a home with pleasant surroundings, clean, comfortable living quarters, good food and care, as well as an interest in life and means of earning their maintenance.

The present site of Fairmont Hospital was, before the Civil war, an ordinary "poor farm," for which purpose it was, in 1861, leased for two years. About 1865 the tract of land was bought by the county for sixteen hundred dollars and at that time provision was also made for the establishment of a county hospital. Dr. William Clark was superintendent of the institution for a number of years and now resides in Oakland. Prior to the World war the superintendent was Dr. C. A. Wills, now of Berkeley, and whose daughter, Miss Helen Wills, is now the world's foremost tennis player. Since January 1, 1920, A. C. Jensen has filled the position of superintendent, in which capacity he is rendering capable and efficient service, having entire charge of the administration of the institution, involving the disbursement of three hundred and sixty thousand dollars a year.

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### LOUIS GONSALVES

Louis Gonsalves has long been recognized as one of the leading members of the Alameda county bar, his outstanding success in the practice of law standing in evidence of his thorough knowledge of the basic principles of jurisprudence, his keen powers of analysis and his ability as a trial lawyer, as well as his soundness as an office counselor.

Mr. Gonsalves was born on a farm in Mendocino county, California, on the 18th of June, 1884, and is a son of Louis and Anna Gonsalves, both of whom were natives of Portugal. The father came to this country in 1863 and soon afterward engaged in the timber and lumber business, which he followed during his remaining active years. Both parents are now deceased, the mother dying in 1907 and the father in 1915.

Louis Gonsalves, Jr., secured his preliminary education in the public and high schools and then entered Leland Stanford Junior University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. He continued his studies in the law school of that university, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1906, and then located at Fort Bragg, California, where he practiced his profession for three years, serving also during that period as city attorney. In 1910 Mr. Gonsalves came to Oakland and has been engaged in the practice of law continuously since, during which time he has built up a large and representative clientele.

Mr. Gonsalves was united in marriage to Miss Leora Kingsbury, a native of Lassen county, this state. He has a son, Donald, by a former marriage. Mr. Gonsalves is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has received the degrees of the chapter. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. Though a busy man professionally, Mr. Gonsalves has never neglected his duty to his community and has been active in his support of all measures for the advancement of the general welfare and is numbered among the progressive and public-spirited men of Oakland.

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### SORENSEN BROTHERS

The leading undertaking firm in central Alameda county is that of Sorensen Brothers, at Hayward, where for seventeen years they have demonstrated their ability as funeral directors, and have gained an excellent reputation for reliability and efficiency. Lawrence Thorwald Sorensen, senior member of the firm, was born at Dublin, California, on the 18th of October, 1884, and is a son of Hans and Katie (Larsen) Sorensen, both of whom were born in Denmark. The father came to the United States in 1883 and settled in Alameda county, California, buying the ranch at which he stopped the first night after arriving in this county, and is still living on that place, being one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his locality.

Lawrence T. Sorensen spent his boyhood at Hayward and Mt. Eden, acquiring his early education in the public schools, after which he attended the Polytechnic Business College in Oakland. He lived on the home ranch for several years and then went to Humboldt county, this state, where he was connected with the creamery business for six years. On his return to Hayward he became associated with John C. Geary and George E. Grindell, undertakers and livery owners, who were located where Mr. Sorensen is now operating, and remained with that concern about a year and a half. He then went back to Humboldt county, where for two years he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. In 1911 he returned to Hayward and, forming a partnership with his brother, Henry M. Sorensen, bought John Geary's livery and undertaking business. In 1920 they discontinued the livery business and in the following year remodeled and rearranged their building, so that they now have one of the finest and best equipped mortuary establishments in northern California. They have two hearses, one Hudson and one Studebaker, and two Lincoln sedans, as well as an up-to-date ambulance, which is called into frequent service in the community.

On January 1, 1914, Mr. Sorensen was united in marriage to Miss Inge Assmussen, who was born and reared in Hayward and is a daughter of Peter and Anna (Schmidt) Assmussen, natives of Denmark, whence they came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood, their marriage occurring here. The father settled in the Castro valley, where he followed ranching and fruit raising until 1913, when he sold out and thereafter resided at Haven Court, near Oakland, until his death, in 1919. His widow, who is eighty-two years of age, now

makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sorensen, in Hayward. Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have five children, Howard, James, Charles, Albert and Ruth. The republican party has always claimed Mr. Sorensen's support and fraternally he is a member of Eucalyptus Lodge, No. 243, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland; Sycamore Lodge No. 129, I. O. O. F.; Eden Parlor, No. 115, N. S. G. W.; the U. P. E. C. and the I. D. E. S. Mr. Sorensen has been loyal to his responsibilities of citizenship and true to his ideals in every relation of life, his record having been such as has gained for him the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he is regarded as one of Hayward's representative and dependable citizens.

Henry M. Sorensen, of the firm of Sorensen Brothers, was born in Mount Eden, Alameda county, September 2, 1885, and was educated in the Mount Eden and Hayward schools. He then assisted his father on the ranch and later worked for Kavanaugh Rosenberg Company in the feed business, while subsequently he was with George Jackson for two years in all. In 1911 he entered into his present partnership with his brother and the firm is doing an excellent business.

Henry M. Sorensen was married to Miss Emma Sandholdt, who died in 1923, leaving five children: Elmer, who is now assisting his father in the business; Gladys, Henry Jr., Christine Irene and Ruby. For his second wife he chose Myrtle D. Pumya, a teacher in the grammar school of Hayward, who had a child by a former marriage, Jean Gloria.

Henry M. Sorensen is a republican in his political views and fraternally is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Hayward lodge, in which he has passed through the chairs. He is also connected with the Woodmen of the World and has filled all the offices in the local organization. He likewise belongs to Dania Society No. 9, the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Lions Club. He is fond of hunting and fishing, finding his recreation in those sports.

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#### PHILIP W. MOODY

Philip W. Moody, who has for a number of years been engaged in mercantile affairs in Hayward, is also widely known as an artistic and competent interior decorator, in which line he has enjoyed the patronage of the representative people of the community. He was born at Falmouth, Maine, in 1872, and is a son of Benjamin and Francina (Pope) Moody, also natives of the old Pine Tree state, the father having been born at Falmouth and the mother at Kennebunkport. In 1870 they were married in Boston, Massachusetts, where the father followed the millwright's trade. They lived in that city until 1901, when they came to California, locating first in Oakland, but later moving to Hayward, where the father lived retired until his death. Mr. Moody's paternal grandfather was a seafaring man and had made a number of voyages to California. In 1852 he came around the Horn and, quitting the sea, engaged in the hotel business at Gold Lake and Donnerville, but later returned east and died in Maine. Both of the parents are deceased, the father dying in 1912 and the mother in 1918. Both the Moody and Pope families are descended from old Revolutionary stock. Philip W. Moody spent his

boyhood in and near Boston, Massachusetts, and secured his education in the public schools. He first worked in a clothing store in Boston, after which he was employed in a hardware store. Later he learned the trade of interior decorating, which line he followed there until 1901, when he came with his parents to California. After a short stay in Oakland, he came to Hayward, where he has resided continuously to the present time. For awhile he worked for C. P. VanDyke, the pioneer painter of this locality, and then bought out his employer and has since carried the business on under his own name. He is painstaking and methodical in everything he undertakes and his reputation as a skillful and reliable painter and decorator extends beyond the confines of his home community, for his patronage covers a wide territory, and he is regarded as one of the leaders in his line here.

In 1914 Mr. Moody was united in marriage to Miss Esther Breese, who was born in Jackson, Amador county, California, and is a daughter of Raymond and Mary (Gibson) Breese, the former of whom served as county clerk of Amador county. Mr. Moody has always given his support to the republican party and is interested in public affairs, particularly such as related to the prosperity and welfare of his home community. He is secretary of the board of library trustees. He served as a member of the fire department for seven years, being secretary, and also foreman for a time, and he is a member of the Lone Tree Cemetery Association. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has served on its official board for a number of years. He is a wide-awake and progressive man in his business affairs, in which he has been rewarded with a very fair measure of success, and his record since coming to Hayward has gained for him the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

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#### FRED B. PERU

The record of Fred B. Peru has been one of faithful and efficient performance of duty in various lines of work and now, as chief license inspector of the city of Oakland, he is rendering a service which has gained for him the commendation of all who know him. Mr. Peru was born in San Francisco, California, on the 6th of July, 1873, and is a son of William and Louise (Bowers) Peru. His father, who came to California in young manhood, was for many years engaged in theatrical business and also conducted a hotel in Oakland. Both parents are deceased, the mother's death occurring in 1885.

Fred B. Peru received his education in the public schools of Oakland, to which city the family had moved in his early boyhood. After graduating from high school, he entered the employ of the Hayward Car Company, with which he continued several years, and then became an engineer for the Redland Electric Light and Power Company. Later he entered the employ of the Oakland Traction Company, with which he remained for twenty-five years, and on August 1, 1927, was appointed to his present position as chief license inspector.



Mr. Peru was united in marriage to Miss Annie May Fraser, a native of Canada, who was reared and educated in California. They are the parents of a daughter, Myrtle Louise, who received a good education and taught school prior to her marriage to E. L. Glazier. Mr. Peru is an active supporter of the republican party and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Carmen's Union, of which he was secretary for eighteen years. A man of alert mentality and good judgment in practical affairs, he is discharging the duties of his position with a thoroughness that has commended him to the good opinion of all who are familiar with his work, while throughout the community he commands the respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOSEPH A. FREITAS

The leading contracting plumber of Oakland is Joseph A. Freitas, whose high-class work in this community has been his best advertisement. He commands a large and representative patronage, and his marked success is but the result of his sound business methods and his square dealing.

Mr. Freitas was born in Oakland on the 16th of October, 1889, and is a son of Joseph R. and Marie A. (King) Freitas, both of whom were natives of Azores islands. They were brought to California in childhood, the father in 1857, when fifteen years of age, and the mother when six years old. They were married here and Mr. Freitas engaged in farming in Monroe valley, Alameda county. He also farmed back of Lake Merritt, near Oakland, and there his death occurred in 1914. The mother is still living in this county.

Joseph A. Freitas received his educational training in the public schools of Olinda and Redwood Canyon and in the Garfield school. When fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to the plumbing trade, serving four years, and then, when twenty years old, he bought the shop in which he worked from the widow of his former employer. It was at that time located in a basement on Fruitvale boulevard, but his business steadily increased, so that he was compelled to seek other quarters, and, with sound judgment, he erected his present building, twenty-five by two hundred feet in size, at 2815 East Tenth street. Here he has plenty of room and has a full equipment of up-to-date machinery and tools, so that he is fully prepared to take care of any kind of a contract in his line. His business has grown until now it averages about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. Among the more important contracts which he has successfully handled in this vicinity are the University high school building, the Amora Hospital, the Armory at Twenty-fourth and Broadway streets, St. Cyril's school building, the Lakeview school, and many large apartment houses in various parts of northern California.

Mr. Freitas was united in marriage to Miss Florence King, a native of this state, and they are the parents of a daughter, Laverne. Mr. Freitas gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Knights of the Macca-bees, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Druids, the Portuguese Lusatan, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the I. D. E. S. and the U. P. E. C. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Young Men's Institute, the Merchants Exchange, the Builders Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce and the





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National Plumbers Association. He is a past supreme president of the U. P. E. C. and during his official supervision of that order he broke all the records of its forty-seven years' history in the increasing of its membership. To this end, he traveled all over the state, stimulating the societies to renewed efforts, and his incumbency of the office was marked by an unexampled period of prosperity in the order. He is now a member of its board of directors. He is president of the Portuguese Colon, the largest Portuguese paper in the state.

In addition to his various interests, already referred to, Mr. Freitas has shown himself deeply concerned with the progress and prosperity of his own community and is an earnest advocate of all measures calculated to advance its best interests. He is regarded as one of Oakland's representative business men and public-spirited citizens and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### JESSE B. HOLLY

Jesse B. Holly is widely recognized as one of the ablest and most reliable civil engineers in Alameda county and as city engineer of Hayward and San Leandro is rendering valuable service to those communities. Mr. Holly was born in Solano county, California, in 1884, and is a son of Amos and Valora (Cornell) Holly, the former born in Dixon, Lee county, Illinois, in 1836, and the latter in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1850. The father was educated in his native state and soon after attaining his majority started across the plains, with ox team and covered wagon, his destination being California. However, he stopped in Nevada, where he was engaged in mining for a few years, and then came to California. He took up a homestead in Solano county, which he improved and developed into a good farm, and there spent his remaining years, his death occurring in 1904, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, who was brought to this state, by way of the isthmus of Panama, in her young girlhood, became the wife of Mr. Holly in 1868, and is now living at Dixon, Solano county. They became the parents of six children, namely: Archibald, who is engaged in farming at Dixon; Blanche and Wallace, twins; Ernest D., who is chief deputy superintendent of banking of California; Earl, who is farming at Dixon; and Jesse B.

Jesse B. Holly secured a good preliminary education in the public schools of his native county, graduating from high school, and then entered Leland Stanford University, from which he was graduated in civil engineering in 1908. He next became connected with the California debris commission, which had in charge the improvement of river navigation, under the war department. After following that line of work a number of years, he entered the employ of the Stone & Webster Corporation, and was engaged in the investigation of hydro-electric power. Later he joined Jones, Hanscom & Reddick, engineers, with whom he was employed on hydro-electric and irrigation projects, and in 1913 he bought Mr. Hanscom's interest in the company, which then became Jones, Reddick & Holly. He was identified with that concern until 1917, when he sold his interest and, coming to Hayward, accepted the position of city engineer, in which capacity he is still serving. In connection with his other duties, Mr. Holly has looked after the improvement of

the streets of this city, and has been advisor on a number of outside projects. Since May, 1927, he has also served as city engineer of San Leandro.

In 1919 Mr. Holly was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kollmyer, who was born in Alameda, California, and is a daughter of William and Jessie (Shauf) Kollmyer, and they are the parents of a son, David B. Mr. Holly is a republican in politics and takes a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to which order he has belonged since 1910; is a director of the Rotary Club and belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers. In other directions than his professional work he has given of his time and ability towards the furtherance of projects calculated to elevate and advance the welfare of the community and is regarded as one of its most progressive and public spirited citizens, commanding the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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### LOUIS A. PIEROTTI

In the front rank of the substantial and successful business concerns of Oakland is that of Joseph Pierotti & Sons, Inc., builders of automobile bodies and dealers in Ford cars. This is one of the oldest and best known business establishments in the city and enjoys a high reputation for honorable dealing and reliability. The president of the company is Louis A. Pierotti, who has been identified with the business continuously since boyhood.

Mr. Pierotti was born in Oakland on the 25th of August, 1887, and is a son of Joseph and Filomenia (Cuicci) Pierotti. The father was a blacksmith and wagonmaker by trade and in 1880 established a shop in Oakland, continuing in the business until his death, which occurred May 22, 1912. With the assistance of his sons, he built up a large business, the scope of which was greatly broadened with the advent of automobiles, and his company was the first to build commercial automobile bodies in Oakland. Mr. Pierotti was one of the oldest merchants continuously in business in this city and commanded the confidence and respect of the entire community. Sometime prior to his death he made a trip to Italy. The mother passed away February 2, 1924.

Louis A. Pierotti secured his educational training in the public schools and then went into his father's shop, where he learned the blacksmith's trade in all of its branches. He continued with the business and when his father retired from the active management he took charge. In 1923 he and his brothers, H. M. and Joseph, Jr., incorporated the business under the name of Joseph Pierotti & Sons, of which Louis A. is president. It now includes three departments, that of automobile body building, automobile parts and the agency for Ford cars. They utilize seventeen hundred and fifty square feet of floor space and employ twenty-two people. They design their own bodies, which have met with popular favor, and have enjoyed a steadily increasing business in that line, while as sales agents they have met with well earned success. For about six years Louis A. Pierotti was absent from the business, during which time he was in the employ of the Shell Oil Company.

Mr. Pierotti was united in marriage to Miss Mary Duddy, whose grandfather, Martin Duddy, was one of the pioneer expressmen of Oakland. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierotti has been born a son, Leonard, who is attending St. Mary's high school.

In his political views Mr. Pierotti is a republican, and he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand knight, and the Native Sons of the Golden West, of which he is a past grand president and past district deputy. A man of outstanding business ability and progressive methods, he is regarded as one of his city's worthy citizens and commands to a marked degree the respect of all who know him.

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### MRS. LAURA A. (LYNCH) EBER

One of the most beloved and, in some respects, one of the most remarkable women in San Leandro is Mrs. Laura A. Eber, who has lived here and been identified with various phases of the community's activities for over fifty years, and still maintains a deep interest in everything relating to its progress and welfare. Mrs. Eber was born at Westchester, Butler county, Ohio, February 2, 1853, and is a daughter of Rev. W. F. B. and Rachel (Jackson) Lynch, the latter a native of Pennsylvania and a distant relative of President Andrew Jackson. Mr. Lynch was born in Pennsylvania, about thirty miles from the Gettysburg battlefield, and after his marriage settled in Butler county, Ohio. Later they moved to Keokuk, Iowa, which is the scene of Mrs. Eber's first recollections. Mr. Lynch was of Irish Stock on the paternal side, while his maternal ancestors came from Alsace. He was a man of great natural ability, force of character and versatility. He attended school in the east, but was largely self-educated, being a constant reader and close student. In 1864, when Mrs. Eber was eleven years of age her father outfitted at Keokuk, and, with his family, started for California. Mrs. Eber well remembers that journey, the covered wagon in which she traveled, the great freight wagon, drawn by a pair of gigantic mules, named "Shad" and "Shadrum," and as they proceeded they were joined by thirty other wagons, so that the scenes pictured by Emerson Hugh in "The Covered Wagon" were but reproductions of the scenes of her memorable trip across the plains. They were in constant fear of the Indians, who hovered near them; the dreaded cholera made its appearance in their party, and other terrifying incidents made it an experience never to be forgotten. On reaching Washoe, Nevada, in 1865, they stopped and Mr. Lynch became a partner in "Lawlor's Institute," in which he taught for about a year and a half. In 1866 he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian church, after which he continued teaching in the institute for a short time. In 1866 he entered upon the active work of the ministry, in which he was eminently successful. He was an accomplished elocutionist and orator, also possessing marked histrionic ability, and it is known that at one time he coached the actors in a certain historical play that was given for the benefit of the soldiers of the Civil war. As a minister of the Gospel, he preached with fervor and marked effect and many of the old-timers delight to tell, to this day of the thrills of his oratory. He held pastorates in Oakland and other Presbyterian charges in the East Bay district and did much effective

work in building up and strengthening the churches to which he ministered. As a platform orator he won popular favor and his lecture, "Crossing the Plains," held many an audience spellbound. At one time he was taken seriously ill and was threatened with blindness, but eventually recovered and, in addition to his pastoral work, engaged in teaching. He was soon elected county superintendent of public instruction, a position which he filled with credit and ability for eight years. He and his good wife have both passed to higher scenes of activity, dying in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eber, at San Leandro. To them were born five children: Elizabeth, who died in Iowa, at the age of eight years; Laura A.; Dr. W. F., who practiced medicine at Walnut Creek, but it now deceased; Oscar J., deceased, who was a pioneer druggist in San Leandro, and was married to Miss Etta Knox, of this city, who is represented elsewhere in this work; and Harry W., deceased, who was principal of the Centerville grammar school.

Inheriting much of her father's natural ability, Mrs. Eber as a girl was an apt pupil and became an excellent elocutionist and pleasing entertainer. She became a teacher and while teaching at Lockwood romance entered her life. Henry Ferdinand Eber, usually called "Fred," was conducting a meat market at that place, and the acquaintance they formed led them to the altar on December 12, 1875. Happily wedded they moved to San Leandro, where Mr. Eber engaged in the meat business, establishing the Eber Meat Market, which has been in continuous operation to the present time. In this venture he prospered and they were exceedingly happy, despite the absence of electric lights, telephones, street cars, radios and other modern conveniences. Mr. Eber was a man of high ideals, the son of cultured German parents, was well educated and spoke and read high German as well as he could English. In Ohio he had followed blacksmithing, but after coming to California, in the '50s, he turned his attention to the meat business, in which he engaged to the time of his death, which tragic event occurred in 1909, when he was sixty-three years of age being killed by a street car while driving a horse and buggy in San Leandro. For many years he was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of San Leandro, was a consistent advocate of progress and improvement in municipal and civic affairs and was a leader in movements for the betterment of the community. At one time a serious epidemic of diphtheria broke out in San Leandro, causing the death of many children. At that time the streets were but slightly improved and other conditions were equally bad, so that it was thought that the epidemic was the result of unsanitary conditions. Mr. Eber at once became an earnest advocate of sewers and was one of the prime movers in securing the construction of a sewer system in this city. He stood for every good thing for his community and his worth received substantial recognition on the part of his fellow citizens, who repeatedly elected him a member of the city council. He served two terms as mayor and subsequently as city marshal for five four-year terms. In his private affairs he was successful, for he had early established a well merited reputation for square dealing. He erected the Eber block, in which the Eber meat market is located, built the residence at 63 Callam avenue, which is still the family home and has been the scene of many important social functions, and owned other buildings in this city. His death was regarded as a distinct loss to the community which had been honored by his citizenship and his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber had five children, as follows: Winifred F. became the wife of George Robinson, the Alameda county representative of the Johns Manville, Inc., of California, and resides in Oakland; William Jacob died at the age of nineteen months; Budd Ferdinand, one of the managers of the Eber market, is married and lives in San Leandro; Henry J., also connected with the Eber market, lives with his mother; Edward Earl, who is associated with his brothers, married Miss Rose Simmen and lives in this city. Mrs. Eber has two grand children and two great-grandchildren. In thorough accord with her husband's high civic ideals, she has always exerted her influence for the best things in community life along material moral and social lines and took an active interest in local organizations of a beneficent nature. She is a member of the Alta Mira Club and the Daughters of Rebekah, and was active in the organization and establishment of the public library. She has long been an earnest worker in the Presbyterian church, having served as a member of its board of trustees and as church treasurer. Being of the same blood as "Old Hickory" Jackson, it is not strange that she is a democrat in her political views and, though one of the kindest and most loving of spirits, she can be as firm as he when occasion demands. Mrs. Eber still owns the Eber meat market, which is operated by her three sons, and she has shown herself a capable and efficient business woman. Despite her age, she is still active and enjoys life and the association of her many friends, by whom she is held in the highest measure of affectionate regard.

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### C. STANLEY WOOD

C. Stanley Wood is giving capable and satisfactory service to Oakland as assistant city attorney and is recognized as a thorough and painstaking lawyer. A man of liberal education, alert mentality and high personal character, he has won a high place in public esteem and is numbered among the city's leading attorneys. Mr. Wood was born in Cadillac, Michigan, on the 12th of November, 1887, a son of Harry S. and Mina (McDonald) Wood, who are now living in Oregon, where the father is engaged in the lumber business.

C. Stanley Wood attended the public schools and graduated from normal school, after which he entered the law school of the University of Michigan, winning the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1916. He afterward located at Deming, New Mexico, where he practiced for about a year, when he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the headquarters and ordnance departments for a year and a half, spending one year in France, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. After looking over a number of cities for a location, he decided on Oakland and in 1919 resumed the practice of law here. His ability as a lawyer gained quick recognition and he soon gained a gratifying clientele. On April 13, 1926, Judge Gray appointed him deputy city attorney, and subsequently E. Sturgis promoted him to the position of assistant city attorney, which office he also holds under Preston Higgins.

Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Carol F. Walton, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and they have a daughter, Barbara. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Bisons and the American Legion, in which organization he has been very active, being a past president of American Legion Service Club and past adjutant of his post. A man of genial disposition and kindly manner, he has won a host of warm and loyal friends throughout this city and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### JOSEPH M. DE FREITAS

Joseph M. de Freitas, of Hayward, who is now retired from business, has had a long and interesting career, beginning here in pioneer days, and has been an interested spectator of the great development that has taken place here during the almost sixty years since he first came to this state. Mr. de Freitas was born in Flores, Azores islands, on the 25th of November, 1849, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Freitas) Freitas, also natives of those islands. They lived there many years and in 1890 came to the United States, making their home with their son and his daughter until their deaths.

Joseph M. de Freitas spent his boyhood and young manhood in the place of his birth, securing his education in the public schools, while farming was his chief occupation. In 1870 he embarked for the United States, arriving at San Francisco, September 12th, and then went to Senol, this state, where he spent some time with an uncle, Joe de Freitas. He went to work for Mr. Bowman on Bay Farm island, but later went to Gold Hill and Dayton, Nevada, where he was employed in getting out wood for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and later did some teaming at Dayton. From there he went to Santa Clara county, California, and thence to Livermore, where he worked for J. C. Rose, handling wood for the Southern Pacific Railroad. His next location was in the San Joaquin valley, where he was employed as a sheep herder by C. C. Smith, going from there to Salinas, this state, and thence to Castroville. From there he went to Watsonville, where he engaged in farming, and also farmed in the Salinas valley, but 1876-7 was a dry year and he failed in that venture and went to Collinsville, Solano county, where he worked for E. I. Upham as a farmer for seven years. He next engaged in farming again on his own account in Contra Costa county, where he remained twelve years, and then went to the vicinity of Pleasanton, where he bought seventy acres of land, on which he farmed for fourteen years, when he sold his land to the Spring Valley Water Company, of San Francisco, and in 1911, having retired from business, came to Hayward and bought the comfortable home at 554 First street, where he now lives.

While at Castroville, California, Mr. de Freitas was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. de Frates, who was born at Flores, Azores islands, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy, while the survivors are, Joseph M., Jr., who lives on the Mt. Eden road, about one mile from Hayward, and is married and has two children, Albert and Joe; and Mary F., who is the wife of J. C. Hanriques and has two children, Helario and Victor. In his political views Mr. de Freitas is a republican, while fraternally he has been a member of the



Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1884 and of the U. P. E. C. since 1898. He has lived a life of earnest and honest endeavor, during which his persistent efforts were rewarded with fair success, while his excellent personal qualities won for him the sincere respect and good will of his fellowmen throughout the community in which he lives.

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### ROBERT WILLIAM TYSON

Robert W. Tyson has for many years rendered able service as a probation officer of Alameda county and in his present position in charge of adults he has been helpful in bringing many persons back to a normal and law-abiding manner of living, and thus has in a definite way contributed to the welfare of society. Mr. Tyson was born in Niles, Alameda county, California, January 1, 1881, and is a son of William Henry and Barbara (Bonner) Tyson. His paternal grandparents settled at Niles in October, 1850, and bought a tract of land, for which he paid five dollars an acre. In that year William Henry Tyson was born there. He became a farmer and horticulturist and served several years as horticultural inspector. His death occurred in 1924. His wife, who was a native of New York state, came across the plains in 1860. They were prominent among the pioneers of this section of the state and became early members of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Robert W. Tyson attended the public schools, graduating from high school, and also from Anderson Academy. He was reared to a farm life, followed agricultural pursuits for about four years after completing his education, and for two years was in the employ of the Southern Pacific railroad at Niles. On March 11, 1909, he was appointed a deputy juvenile probation officer of Alameda county, and so eminently satisfactory was his service that he was subsequently made probation officer of adults, in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Tyson was united in marriage to Miss Edna Tyson, who was born and reared at Niles and who also is descended from old pioneer stock. Mr. Tyson is a republican in his political views and is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. He is public-spirited in his attitude towards all enterprises for the advancement of the community and because of his consistent life and valuable public service is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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### EUGENE H. GRANDJEAN

Eugene H. Grandjean, who is rendering effective service as secretary of Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E., is one of the best known residents of Oakland, where he has spent his life. He is a scion of one of the old and honored families of the community, long prominent in commercial affairs, and he devoted his attention to business pursuits for many years.

Mr. Grandjean was born in Oakland on the 2nd of August, 1879, and is a son of Henri and Eugenia (Amstutz) Grandjean. The father was born and reared in

Switzerland, and there learned the trade of watchmaking. At the age of twenty-one years he emigrated to the United States, locating in Oakland, California, where he followed his trade for some time. Afterward he was in the grocery business and in 1884 established a wholesale coffee, tea and spice business, which he conducted until 1923, when he sold out and lived retired until his death, which occurred in August, 1926. He was widely known; was influential and active in affairs relating to the development and growth of his city, and he showed sound judgment in the buying of property which has since greatly increased in value. His wife passed away in July, 1907.

Eugene H. Grandjean attended the public and high schools of Oakland and took a commercial course in a business college. For twenty-seven years he was associated with his father in business, and on the disposal of the business he entered the city auditor's office. He served there until April, 1925, when he resigned in order to accept his present position as secretary of the Elks lodge, where his work has received the general commendation of the members of the order.

Mr. Grandjean was united in marriage to Miss Alice Ward, who also is a member of an old California family. He is a stanch republican in his political affiliation and is a member of Brooklyn Lodge No. 225, A. F. & A. M., as well as of Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E. A man of great energy and sound methods, and possessing a cordial and friendly manner, he is popular among his associates and commands the respect of the entire community.

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### JAMES PORTER SHAW

James Porter Shaw of Oakland is recognized as one of the strongest and most dependable members of the Alameda county bar, his success as a practitioner having gained for him marked prestige in his profession. He was born in Oroville, Butte county, California, on the 8th of May, 1884, and is a son of George M. and Estelle (Porter) Shaw, the latter of whom was born in Folsom, California. The father was born in Maine, January 8, 1854, and was there reared and educated, graduating from the State University as a civil engineer. In 1876 he came to California and for several years taught school in various parts of the state. He read law under Peter Hundley, at Oroville, Butte county, and was there admitted to practice May 16, 1882. Soon afterward he was appointed deputy county clerk, in which capacity he served until 1884, when he came to Oakland, where he has been engaged in the practice of law continuously to the present time, a period of forty-four years. Mrs. Shaw's father and mother were natives respectively of Ohio and Missouri and in an early day crossed the plains to California, of which state they were pioneers. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were born two children: James P., of this review, and George M., Jr.

James P. Shaw was about one year old when his parents came to Oakland and in the public schools of this city he secured his early education. After graduating from high school in 1904, he entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1908. He read law with his father and in 1914 was admitted to the bar, at once entering upon the practice of his profession. In 1917 he enlisted



JAMES P. SHAW



in the first officers training camp, where he received a commission as first lieutenant, and was stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, until honorably discharged, May 6, 1919, after which he resumed his professional work. He is engaged in general practice but specializes in street law, in which he is regarded as an expert, and he has built up a large and remunerative practice in the courts of Alameda county.

Mr. Shaw is a member of Live Oak Lodge No. 61, A. F. & A. M., and the American Legion; is commander of Quentin Roosevelt Unit No. 15, U. V. R.; and also belongs to the Athenian Nile Club and the Oakland Yacht Club. A man of vigorous mentality, well founded in the basic principles of jurisprudence and skilled in discriminating analysis, he has proven his ability and worth as a lawyer and commands the respect of his professional colleagues, as well as the confidence of the public, while socially his kindly and affable manner has gained for him a host of warm friends.

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### JOSEPH FURENZA

Joseph Furenza holds a high place in the art circles of the Bay district, his work over a long period of years having stamped him as one of the leading artists of this section of the country, and San Leandro is justifiably proud to number him among its citizens. Born at Stockton, California, on the 24th day of May, 1883, he is a son of Louis F. and Mary (Fappiano) Furenza, the former born in Genoa, Italy, and the latter at Volcano, Amador county, California. On first coming to the United States, Louis F. Furenza located in New York city, but over fifty years ago made his way to Stockton, California, and became a well-to-do farmer on the San Joaquin river. He died in 1918 and the mother is now living with her two daughters in Oakland. A son, Benjamin, resides in San Joaquin county, this state.

Joseph Furenza attended the public schools in Stockton and while but a lad his natural talent for drawing attracted the attention of his elders. While in the grammar school his teacher was Prof. Fred Meyers, who was then teaching drawing, painting and designing in the public schools and is now connected with the Arts and Crafts College in Oakland. Attracted by the efforts of his pupil, which indicated a strong natural aptitude for drawing, he gave the boy encouragement and suggested that he center his efforts on that line of study, with the aim of making artistic painting his life work. Mr. Furenza accepted his advice and later had private instruction from Professor Meyers through several terms. He made rapid progress in the technique of scenic painting, and going to San Francisco, took up the painting of theatrical curtains and scenery under the noted scenic artist, Prof. Harry Duckett, from London, under whom he studied and worked for six years. During this period he painted the curtains and scenery for many of the leading theaters of that city, as well as for a number of comic opera companies. In 1900 Mr. Furenza returned to Oakland and studied under such masters as Frank Key, Harry Duckett and Mrs. Wishart, and at that time became the regular scenic artist for the Liberty theater, working during the day and studying at night. He had found his life work, which he enjoyed, for he loved his art. He is now acknowledged a master in the special field in which he has done so much effective work, but has also gained marked distinction as a painter of commercial signs and pictorial

work, in all of which his individuality is apparent, for he is distinctly original in his conceptions and execution. He has painted a number of noteworthy backgrounds, among which are "Lake Tahoe" and "Golf Scene," in Gerwin's clothing store in Oakland, and a number of scenic backgrounds for leading automobile establishments in Oakland. Among his more serious productions is "In the Garden of Gethsemane," in St. Vincent's Orphanage, at San Rafael, California, and which is regarded as a masterpiece. His work is held in high regard by discriminating judges of art and San Leandro is justifiably proud to number him among her citizens.

In 1920, in Oakland, Mr. Furenza was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Kogler, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, but became a resident of Oakland in 1902. They are the parents of a daughter, Mary. In 1921 Mr. Furenza became a resident of San Leandro and has taken a deep interest in the progress and welfare of this community, being an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a republican in his political views and belongs to the American Order of Foresters in San Francisco. Mr. Furenza lives in accordance with the basic teachings of the Master, and is loyal to his ideals. He has made many warm friends since locating in San Leandro and commands the sincere respect of the entire community, where he is honored for his accomplishments in art and his high qualities as a citizen.

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### LEE S. KERFOOT

The parks of Oakland excite the admiration and praise of all visitors to the city and are the pride of the people living here. Their beauty and attractiveness is in very large measure due to the intelligent direction, artistic taste and tireless efforts of Lee S. Kerfoot, who for fourteen years has rendered appreciated service as superintendent of the city parks. Mr. Kerfoot was born in Napa City, California, on the 23rd of June, 1879, and is a son of Joseph and Stella Kerfoot. The father came to California in young manhood in 1859, settling in Humboldt county, where he became proprietor of a hotel, which he conducted to the time of his death, in 1907. The mother was born in Wisconsin and came to this state in her girlhood.

Lee S. Kerfoot completed the public school course and then entered the College of Mines of the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was identified with mining as an engineer about one year, and then entered the United States mint in San Francisco, in which he was employed for five years. During the following four years he was in charge of the United States assay office in Seattle, Washington, and on leaving that position entered the employ of the People's Water Company, of Oakland, with which corporation he remained until 1913, when he was appointed to his present position as superintendent of the city parks. During his administration the park system has been greatly developed and improved and today the parks of Oakland compare favorably with any others on the coast. Mr. Kerfoot has devoted himself tirelessly to the end that these open spaces should be not only things of beauty, but also of real value to the people as places of recreation and pleasure.

Mr. Kerfoot was united in marriage to Miss May Good, who was born and reared in Oakland, and they are the parents of a son, James, who is a student in the University of Oregon. Mr. Kerfoot gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Kappa Alpha college fraternity and the Athenian Nile Club. He is a lover of outdoor life and athletic sports and enjoys a well deserved popularity throughout the community.

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### MRS. ETTA L. (KNOX) LYNCH

No resident of San Leandro holds a more enviable place in the esteem of the people than does Mrs. Etta L. Lynch, to whom belongs the distinction of being one of the oldest living native women of this locality. She has resided here all her life, has been active and influential in affairs relating to the public welfare, and the gracious influence of her life has made for the good of those with whom she has been associated.

Mrs. Lynch was born on East Fourteenth street, about one and a quarter miles south of San Leandro, and is a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Allen) Knox, both natives of Ohio, where they were reared and educated. About a week after their marriage they started on the long voyage to California, sailing around Cape Horn and arriving here in the early '50s. They first settled in the Castro valley in Alameda county, where Mr. Knox engaged in farming. He was a man of great energy and marked business ability and prospered in his undertaking, becoming an extensive grain raiser. After living in the valley two years, the family moved to a new home on East Fourteenth street, San Leandro, where their residence still stands. Mr. Knox continued his agricultural operations, farming in the Livermore valley as well as in this locality, and he acquired several thousand acres of land. His activities were cut short, however, by a stroke of paralysis and he died at San Leandro in 1886, at the age of fifty-seven years. To him and his wife were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom the only survivors are Orrin, who is a carpenter and builder in San Francisco; and Mrs. Etta L. Lynch, of this review.

Etta L. Knox attended the public schools and Mrs. Field's Seminary at Oakland, and remained at home until 1882, when she became the wife of Oscar Jackson Lynch. At that time a local newspaper created smiles by heading the marriage announcement with the words, "A San Leandro Girl Lynched." Mr. Lynch was born in Keokuk, Iowa, and was a son of the Rev. W. F. B. and Rachel (Jackson) Lynch. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and after their marriage they settled in Butler county, Ohio. Later they removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where they lived until 1864, when they made the long journey across the planes to California. On the way, they stopped at Washoe, Nevada, where the father engaged in teaching school for a couple of years, during which period he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian church. He was an effective preacher, being an orator, and an able and scholarly man, and was one of the leading ministers of his denomination in this part of the state, holding pastorates in Oakland and other points in the East Bay district. He also taught school and served eight years as county superintendent

of schools of Alameda county. In many respects he was a remarkable man and filled a large place in the life of his community. To him and his wife were born five children; Elizabeth, Mrs. Laura A. Eber (the only surviving child, represented in a personal sketch on other pages of this work), Dr. W. F., Oscar J. and Harry W.

Oscar J. Lynch received a good education and taught school up to the time of his marriage. In the following year he located in Red Bluff, where he conducted a drug store for about nine months, after which he removed to Gilroy and engaged in the same line of business. Four years later he located in San Jose, where also he owned a drug store, and three years later went to Astoria, Oregon, where he was engaged in the same business for fourteen months. He then returned to San Leandro, of which city he became a pioneer druggist, Lynch's Pharmacy becoming one of the best known commercial houses in this locality, and he remained identified with that business continuously up to the time of his death, which occurred October 10, 1914, when he was fifty-seven years of age. He was a man of strong character and marked individuality; was successful in his business affairs; was public spirited in his relation to the welfare of his community, and commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He served as a member of the board of city trustees and was mayor of the city for four years, giving a progressive and creditable administration. To Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were born two children, Laura and Harry, both of whom died of diphtheria, about six weeks apart, at the respective ages of ten and eight years.

Mrs. Lynch as a charter member of the Alta Mira Club and has long been a member of the Presbyterian church, in the choir of which she sang for forty years. Mr. Lynch also was an active member of that church, serving as elder and for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Lynch gives her support to the republican party and has always shown a keen interest in the public affairs of her community, giving her earnest support to every interest that promises to advance the general welfare. She has been particularly active in the home department of her church, and her efforts have been consistently directed to the helpful and uplifting influences of life. Kindly and hospitable by nature, she has always been extremely popular among her acquaintances, and her gracious qualities of character have endeared her to all who know her.

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### WELCOME SANFORD FREEMAN

Welcome S. Freeman is recognized as the leading poultry man of the Castro valley, having achieved a distinctive success through his determined and persistent efforts along rightly directed lines. He is progressive and up-to-date and well merits the prosperity which is crowning his efforts.

He was born in Natick, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, on the 30th of March, 1878, and is a son of Hiram Jackson and Sarah Elizabeth (Allen) Freeman. He spent his boyhood in his native state, where he received a public school education, and then, as a boy of twelve years went to work for the wholesale drygoods firm of Brown, Durrel & Company, of Boston. He was with that concern for nine years,



the last year as a traveling salesman, and then became connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He made a splendid record with that company, having nineteen men under him, and when, at the end of seven years, he resigned his position every inducement was offered him to remain. He had other plans in view however and, going to Derry, New Hampshire, he engaged in the chicken business. He had eighty-seven acres of land, which he improved with a good set of buildings for his purpose, and there he hatched and brooded his chickens with coal oil lamps for heat. He shipped his chickens to the Boston markets, and carried on a successful business for four years, when he sold out and entered the employ of the Cyphers Incubator Company of Buffalo, New York. He was with that concern for seven years and then, in 1916, came to Oakland, California, as manager of the local branch of the Buckeye Incubator Company. Anxious to again engage in the chicken business, in 1917 he came to the Castro valley and leased the land on which he is now located. Later he bought six acres, to which he subsequently added two and a half acres, and on this place he has buildings and equipment valued at twenty-three thousand dollars. He specializes in White Leghorn chickens and, with a thorough understanding of every detail of the business, he has made a splendid success of it, being now the largest and most prosperous poultry man in the valley. For the past ten years he has brooded an average of fifty thousand chickens on the place annually, besides about three thousand of special stock. His place is well improved, nothing being omitted that will contribute to the successful operation of the business.

In 1914 Mr. Freeman married Mrs. Emma (Fuchs) Fuller, who is a native of Germany and is a daughter of August and Anna K. Fuchs. She came to this country with her parents, who located first in New York city, but who in 1922 came to make their home with Mrs. Freeman, in whose home they both died.

Mr. Freeman is a member of the Rotary Club and is a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Hayward. He has displayed a high type of ability in all of his operations, has taken a commendable interest in the welfare and prosperity of his community, and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### CARL EARNEST HARDY

A man of thorough technical training and wide experience in his special line of work, Carl Earnest Hardy is rendering valuable service as superintendent of the electrical department of the city of Oakland. He is progressive in his ideas and methods, has maintained his department at the highest standard of efficiency and is particularly well qualified for the position which he is so ably filling. Mr. Hardy was born in Rome, Georgia, on the 31st of December, 1876, and is a son of Samuel G. and Sarah Katherine (Moore) Hardy, who were members of old American families, and are now deceased. The father was for many years engaged in the wholesale and retail hardware business and commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Carl E. Hardy obtained his early education in the private schools of his home community, after which he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which

he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electric Engineering. He continued his technical studies in Cornell University, where he won the degree of Mechanical Engineer, after which he served several years as master electrician in the United States navy yard at Norfolk, Virginia. He resigned that position to become superintendent of the Ladd Lime and Stone Company, of Georgia, and later became assistant superintendent of shops of the Mare Island navy yard, in California. For several years he was in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company as Industrial Engineer of its San Francisco office, and resigned that position July 1, 1915, when he was appointed superintendent of the electrical department of the city of Oakland. During his twelve years' incumbency in this position the importance of his department has greatly increased, as have his official duties, and among the outstanding improvements inaugurated during his regime has been the present splendid street lighting system.

Mr. Hardy was united in marriage to Miss Alice I. Armstrong, a native of California, and they are the parents of a daughter, Alice Moore. In his political views, Mr. Hardy is a republican and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. Fraternally a mason, he is a member of Oakland Commandery, Knight Templar; and Aahmes Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Oakland. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Napa, the Engineers Club of San Francisco and the Electrical Club of Oakland, and is an associate of the American Institute of Engineers. He is a Protestant in his religious belief and stands for all that is best in community life, giving his support to every enterprise for the advancement of the public welfare. Because of his loyal and efficient service to his city and his splendid personal qualities, he well deserves the high place which he holds in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### LORENZ SEELY PRATT

Among those whose persistent and well directed efforts have contributed in a definite way to the growth and development of San Leandro, Lorenz S. Pratt is numbered. The success which is now his is well merited, for he has fought persistently against handicaps that would have utterly discouraged one of less mettle, and today he is one of San Leandro's most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Pratt was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the 22nd of October, 1887, and is a son of Seely L. and Lucy (Goble) Pratt, both of whom are deceased, the mother dying when her son was but eight years old. His father was a steam engineer and had charge of the engine room of the Arbuckle coffee plant in Brooklyn for many years. To him and his wife were born three children: Nancy, the wife of George W. Allen, of Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York, who has been with the Equitable Trust Company of New York for the past twenty-five years; Nelson D., who was drowned in the Red river in Arkansas, when twenty-one years old; and Lorenz Seely.

The last named attended the public schools of Brooklyn until thirteen years old, when he started out to make his own way in the world. His first job was driving a milk wagon, his route reaching from one end of Brooklyn to the other, and for this service he received one dollar a week and his board. He stuck to that

job for two years, after which he was employed at various occupations until seventeen years of age when he started west. He reached Pasadena, California, in May, 1905, and has been a resident of this state continuously since. He had attended night school in Brooklyn and after coming to Pasadena took a correspondence course in civil engineering. He went to work for the California Cultivator, for which he rode all over southern California on a bicycle, soliciting subscriptions and advertising. He was with that publication for two years and then went to work for the Porterville Messenger, at Porterville, Tulare county, where for a year he did soliciting, news gathering and reporting. His next venture was as a compiler and publisher of city directories, getting out these works for Porterville and Tulare, after which he went to Sacramento and entered the employ of Polk & Husted, directory publishers, who were at that time engaged in getting out a directory of that city. On the completion of that work, Mr. Pratt established the Track and Field Magazine, at Sacramento, a publication devoted to the interests of motor boating, the turf and track and all outdoor sports. In this venture he lost everything, but gained much valuable experience. He then went to work as an assistant to Harry A. Norman, an undertaker at Sacramento, his chief duty being to answer night calls, for which he received just about enough to live on. In 1910 Mr. Pratt went to San Francisco and obtained employment in the general freight offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad, with which he remained until the latter part of 1912. He then went to Anderson, Shasta county, and bought the Anderson Valley News, which he ran for five years, selling out in 1919. In November of that year he came to San Leandro and for a time was variously employed, among his other ventures in 1910 being the working up of a booster edition of fifty thousand copies of a write-up known as the "Sacramento Valley Opportunity," a special edition of the Sacramento Union for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Soon after arriving at San Leandro he bought a home and engaged in the insurance business. However, illness overtook him and for about two years he was unable to attend to business. About five years ago, having in large measure recovered his health, he made a new start and has been successful to a marked degree, being now one of the best known real estate, insurance and loan men in this part of the county. His slogan, "Pratt's Policies Pay," has become a well known sign throughout this community and he has built up a prosperous business. He has handled a large amount of town and country property, sells all kinds of insurance, and makes a specialty of construction and re-financing, as well as flat and installment loans. He represents the Central Loan Association and the Western Building and Loan Association of Salt Lake City, and has earned a reputation as a sound and reliable business man.

On December 21, 1912, in San Francisco, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Kinyon, who is a native of Iowa, but was a resident of Shasta county, California, at the time of her marriage. Mrs. Pratt has been a true helpmate to her husband, assisting him in his business affairs, in which she has proven competent and capable. Politically Mr. Pratt is a staunch republican and has taken an active part in public affairs. In 1918 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the state Legislature from the third district. In October, 1927 he was appointed city treasurer of San Leandro and is now discharging the duties of that office in a manner that is meeting with general commendation. He is a director of the Cham-

ber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club and is one of San Leandro's most persistent and effective boosters, having not only a deeply abiding faith in the future of this locality, but also a genuine love and admiration for its people, among whom he has established many warm and loyal friendships.

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### RICHARD J. MONTGOMERY

Richard J. Montgomery, who for thirty-six years has been engaged in the real estate business in Oakland, is regarded as one of the substantial and reliable business men of his city and, through his activities as a realtor, has contributed in large measure to the development and upbuilding of this district. Mr. Montgomery was born in Yuba City, Sutter county, California, on the 3d of April, 1863, and is a son of Zachariah and Ellen (Evoy) Montgomery. His father was born March 6, 1825, near Bardstown, Nelson county, Kentucky, and was a son of Thomas and Clotilda (Wathen) Montgomery. The latter's granduncle, Zachariah Riney, was Abraham Lincoln's first teacher. The Montgomery family is descended from an old Norman family that accompanied William the Conqueror to England, and it is believed that the progenitor in this country came over with Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland. Representatives of the name later went to Kentucky, locating in Nelson county. When Zachariah Montgomery was about three years old, his family moved to a sugar plantation in Daviess county, Kentucky, where he was reared to young manhood. At the age of nineteen years, having completed the course in the public schools, he entered St. Mary's College and completed his course at St. Joseph's College, from which institution he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. In the meantime he had also been pursuing the study of law under Ben Hardin and was admitted to the bar at Bardstown in 1850. For a short time he taught school and, on July 31, 1850, with just enough borrowed money to defray his expenses, he started for California in company with several friends. They traveled by boat from Louisville, Kentucky, to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they outfitted with mule teams and made the long journey across the plains, arriving in Sacramento, California, about three months later. For awhile Mr. Montgomery engaged in mining in the northern part of the state, but, not meeting with satisfactory success, he located in Sacramento in 1852 and began the practice of law. Later he moved to Shasta county, which at that time was the center of mining activities. There he met success and for awhile was in partnership with J. H. McCune, who, as prosecuting attorney, had been his opponent in his first case and had been impressed with his conduct of his client's cause. In 1854 he moved to Marysville and became associated with F. L. Aude. In 1856 he was appointed district attorney for Sutter county and upon the expiration of that term was elected to the office, which he held for two years. He was very successful in his practice, being particularly strong as a jury pleader, and so uniformly was his ability recognized that it came to be a common saying "Get Zach Montgomery and a Sutter county jury and the devil can't beat you." In 1860 Mr. Montgomery was a Breckinridge candidate for presidential elector, and in the following year the democratic party sent him to the state legislature from Sutter



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county, so that he was a member of the assembly at the time of the breaking out of the Civil war. Though he sympathized with the South, he was strongly opposed to the war on constitutional grounds, and urged and pleaded that California remain neutral. However, this state stood actively for the Union and a bill was passed by the legislature requiring all attorneys to take a "test oath" to support the government and constitution. Mr. Montgomery refused to take the oath, claiming that it was unconstitutional, as he had already sworn to uphold the constitution. As a consequence he was forced to abandon his lucrative practice and in 1864 moved to Oakland.

Here pandemonium reigned. San Francisco was under military rule and citizens were being arrested without legal process and thrown into prison without trial, and without the slightest warning, prominent among whom were Bishop Kavanaugh and Colonel C. L. Weller. The latter, at supper with his family one evening, was summoned to the door, seized and carried over to Alcatraz without being allowed to even bid his wife good-bye, she remaining for three months in ignorance of his whereabouts. Losing all hopes of securing peace and liberty, the democrats, in August, 1864, decided on holding a mass meeting and invited Mr. Montgomery to address them. Hearing of the move, the San Francisco papers were a unit in their bitter denunciation of the leader and his party. In their nervous endeavor to quell the meeting they advocated, in no covert tones, the imprisonment, and even death, of Montgomery. Undaunted by their threats, two days before the appointed time Mr. Montgomery went over to San Francisco to prepare his speech, and from his hotel sent instructions to his faithful but distracted wife, as to direction in certain personal affairs in the event of trouble to him before or after his speech. On August 3d friends and opponents assembled in Hayes park, heavily armed, fully expecting trouble. Preliminary to his speech, Mr. Montgomery requested that in case anything happened to him that his manuscript as he had prepared it should be given to his family. But the fact is undeniable, as Californians of that day remember, that no more military arrests were made in this state from that time until after the assassination of President Lincoln. Furthermore, the military prisoners then confined were released within a few days after the speech. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the *Alta California* insisted on Mr. Montgomery's immediate arrest and imprisonment. However, the *American Flag*, the strongest republican paper in the state and the only one the lecturer bitterly denounced, joining the *Alta California* in demanding the speaker's arrest, in referring to the attitude of the other paper, said, "The *Alta* is addicted to these spasms of Loyalty," and scouted the idea of carrying out its suggestions.

On October 29, 1864, Mr. Montgomery began the publication of a weekly newspaper, *The Occidental*, but six months later this was destroyed by a mob of citizens and soldiers, who were exercised at the outspoken views of the editor and deeply excited over the assassination of President Lincoln. In April, 1865, he had been warned that his life was sought by his enemies, notwithstanding which he was to be found daily in his editorial rooms. One day a messenger hurried in and told him that a mob, thirsting for his life, was on its way to the office. Hastily gathering up what papers he wished to save, he started to leave the building, but met the mob on the stairs. The leaders, furious with rage, but failing to recognize their intended

victim, inquired where to find Zach Montgomery's office. He told them and passed calmly down the stairs. His office was totally destroyed and for a short time he was compelled to remain in seclusion. Endeavoring to secure some redress, he went to see Major-General McDowell, head of the military, to whom he explained the situation, but was told that the mob had only anticipated the military in the destruction of his paper. Mr. Montgomery then appealed to the General in an open letter, demanding by what provision of the federal constitution he attempted to abridge the freedom of speech. He received no answer, and, being deprived of making a living through his paper or profession, he traveled over the state, making speeches in which he scored the military authorities for what he denounced as their unwarranted interference with the exercise of free speech and personal liberty. The times having quieted, in April, 1866, Mr. Montgomery resumed the publication of his paper under the name of the *Occidental and Vanguard*. In 1867 he was solicited to become a candidate for United States senator, but declined the honor. In 1868, the legislature having repealed the test oath which drove him from his profession, he resumed the practice of law, with an office in San Francisco, where he soon won a large clientele. He formed a partnership with General J. R. Kittrell, but this association was dissolved soon afterwards by the removal of the General to Nevada. His next partner, O. P. Evans, continued with him until 1871, when Mr. Montgomery removed his office to his home city, Oakland, where his practice grew to such an extent that, needing a partner, he became associated with Hon. J. C. Martin. Mr. Montgomery had lost none of the traits which had distinguished him in the early years of his legal career and an amusing incident of his practice in Oakland is recalled. A case was being tried before Judge Green, when Mr. Montgomery and the opposing attorneys became involved in a heated argument as to the definition of a certain word. Mr. Montgomery quoted Webster, his invariable standard, but the judge sided against him. The following morning Mr. Montgomery entered the court room with a copy of Webster's dictionary, telling the judge he would now read the definition given by Noah Webster. The judge looked his displeasure and remarked coldly that the court had already decided the definition. "I know, your honor," replied Mr. Montgomery, "but I wanted to show the court what a fool Noah Webster was."

In 1881, because of his wife's impaired health, Mr. Montgomery moved to San Diego, this state, where for four years he engaged in practice. In 1885 he was appointed assistant United States attorney general and went to Washington, D. C., where for four years he served as advisor to the secretary of the interior. The attorney general, Augustus H. Garland, and he were former schoolmates and, though they had not met from the time of their graduation until their meeting in Washington, they had watched with interest and pride each other's career. On the close of his official term, Mr. Montgomery returned to San Diego, but a short time later legal business called him to Los Angeles, where he became the legal adviser of his nephew, the late Archbishop George Montgomery, who was then bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles. In that city Mr. Montgomery engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he continued to the time of his death, September 3, 1900. That week he was to have gone to Washington to argue a case before the United States supreme court.



At the time of his death, Mr. Montgomery's life, labors and characteristics were widely commented on by the press of the country. The following appeared in the Daily Tribune of Salt Lake City: "It seemed strange to read the news, for men called him 'Old Zach' in the '50s. He was a lawyer among the Argonauts; he was a democrat, and no democratic doctrine was too strong for him. He was not beautiful, even in repose, but no one ever saw the twist of his mouth when he spoke the word 'Abolitionist' and ever forgot it. To hear him on the stump was to listen to a human calliope. Personally, though he looked like a grizzly, his heart was as soft as a deer. He was always doing kindly deeds and always there was a look which said plainly, 'If my right hand finds out what my left hand is doing it will be liable to beat me to death.' He could not have been lured from the straight line of duty for all the wealth of the world. He was old honesty itself and though he was never handsome we believe the angels up above strewed the pathway with flowers when they heard he was coming."

In 1854, Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss H. Frances Graham, who lived only a little over a year, leaving one child. On April 28, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Evoy, who came to California in 1849, after a nine-months' journey across the plains. To them were born six children, John J., Richard J., Marty C., Margaret H., Jennie E. and James P. John J. Montgomery was born in Yuba City, California, February 15, 1858, and became a resident of Oakland in 1863, receiving his education in the schools of that city. He taught school in Humboldt county in 1894 and in the following year became a professor in Santa Clara College. He was the first man in the world to fly a heavier-than-air machine, public demonstrations with his aeroplane were given in San Diego county in 1884 (see *Progress in Flying Machines* by Octave Choate, pages 248 and 249 published in 1894). His claim in this respect was acknowledged by the Austrian government, though never allowed by his own government. His death, the result of an accident, occurred October 31, 1911. He was widely known as a scientist and commanded to a marked degree the respect of all who knew him. Mrs. Ellen Montgomery passed away on April 17, 1923.

Richard J. Montgomery was about six months old when his parents brought their family to Oakland and here he attended St. Joseph's Academy, at Fourth and Harrison streets, after which he attended St. Ignatius College, in San Francisco, one year. The family moved to San Diego in 1881 and he attended Santa Clara College during 1883-4, being at this time a member of the Alumni Association of that college. He engaged in farming for a time, relinquishing that line of work to accept appointment as deputy United States collector of customs on the Mexican border, with headquarters at Tijuana, Mexico. This was not an easy or pleasant job, as the country there was wild and but sparsely settled, and his position was rendered still more hazardous from the fact that, in addition to his duties as collector, he also acted as United States marshal. However, he stuck to the job, giving able and efficient service, from 1886 to 1891, when he returned to Oakland and engaged in the real estate business, with which he has been identified continuously since. In 1892 the territory at Fortieth and Telegraph streets was practically a wilderness, the only improvements being a large number of shacks which dotted the landscape. With a clear-headed vision of the future development of this district, Mr. Montgomery bought and moved off seventy-five of these buildings, after which he opened

streets through the district, and in the course of time had the pleasure of seeing his judgment abundantly vindicated in the splendid development of this part of the city. An instance of the remarkable advance in real estate values here was that of a property, one hundred and ten by one hundred and sixty feet in size, which Mr. Montgomery's father sold for eight hundred and twenty-five dollars, was bought back in 1901 by his son for twenty times the price for which it was sold. The Central Oakland district is now one of the choicest sections of the city and in it Mr. Montgomery has valuable property interests. He has been a constant and persistent booster for Oakland, has induced many people to locate here and in many ways has been a large factor in the upbuilding of the city.

Mr. Montgomery is a staunch republican in his political views and has always shown a deep interest in public affairs, particularly such as have to do with the welfare of his city and county. He has held a commission as notary public for twenty-five years. He is a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is an extremely popular member of the circles in which he moves, while throughout the community he commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellow-men.

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### EUGENE KING STURGIS

Among the eminent lawyers and well known citizens of Oakland stands Eugene K. Sturgis, a member of the law firm of Sturgis, Probasco & McClean. He has not only proven himself an able and effective lawyer but also an efficient and capable public official, having served six years as city clerk of Oakland.

Mr. Sturgis was born in Portland, Multnomah county, Oregon, on the 9th of September, 1892, and is a son of George Eugene and Rose Mary (Carson) Sturgis, the former of whom was born in Augusta, Maine, March 29, 1855, and the latter in Portland, Oregon, April 18, 1860. In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Sturgis is of English and Scotch-Irish descent and both families were established in this country between 1620 and 1630. His maternal grandfather, John C. Carson, came from New York to California, and thence moved to Oregon in 1849. He was prominent in public affairs, having served for twenty years as speaker of the Oregon house of representatives. Mr. Sturgis' maternal aunt, Luella Clay Carson, was for twenty years dean of women at the University of Oregon and was later president of Mills College at Oakland, California.

Eugene K. Sturgis attended the public schools of Portland until 1903, when he went to Berkeley, California, where he completed his public school training. He was graduated from the University of California with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915, and then entered the Northwestern College of Law at Portland, which he attended until April, 1917, when he laid aside his textbooks and entered his country's service. From April to October, 1917, he was a member of the American Field Service in France, and from October 1, 1917, to September, 1919, was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces. He enlisted as a private and was promoted to sergeant and lieutenant. During his service he participated in nine major engagements.

On his return to this country Mr. Sturgis became an editorial writer for the Bancroft-Whitney Company, law book publishers, with which concern he remained until October, 1920, when he came to Oakland, where he has since been engaged in the practice of law. In July, 1921, he was elected city clerk of Oakland, serving in that capacity until January 1, 1927, when he was appointed city attorney, in which position he served until June 1, 1927, since which date he has been a member of the city council. Since January 1, 1928, he has been a member of the law firm of Sturgis, Probasco & McClean.

On March 9, 1919, at Le Mans, France, Mr. Sturgis was united in marriage to Miss Alice L. Fleenor, who was born in Ukiah, California, February 16, 1895, and is a daughter of William Trigg and Elizabeth (Scott) Fleenor. Her father, who was a native of Virginia, died in 1910, and her mother, who was born in Colorado, is now residing in Oakland. Mrs. Sturgis is a member of the Park Boulevard Club, of which she is a past president; the American Women's Overseas League, of which she is a past national vice president; the Women's Athletic Club of Alameda County, of which she is president; and is the author of "Textbook on Parliamentary Law," by Hall and Sturgis. To Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis have been born three children, namely: Rosemary Elizabeth, born in April, 1920; Wayne Fleenor, born in August, 1922, and Eugene Kenwood, born in November, 1927.

Mr. Sturgis is a republican in his political views, and fraternally is a member of Sequoiah Lodge No. 349, A. F. & A. M., of Oakland; Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E.; Oakland Post No. 5, A. L.; and Oakland Post No. 999, V. F. W., belonging also to the Athenian Nile Club of Oakland. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist church of Oakland. Mr. Sturgis' sterling qualities of character and candid and straightforward manner have gained for him the unqualified respect and good will of the people of his city, while in professional circles he is regarded as a sound and safe attorney, well worthy of public confidence.

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#### R. MORTON MANSON, M. D.

Dr. R. Morton Manson has become firmly established in the confidence of the people of Hayward, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for ten years, during which time he has won a warm place in the hearts of those who know him. Dr. Manson was born in Grass Valley, Nevada county, California, and is a son of Dr. John and Annabella (Morton) Manson, both of whom were natives of Canada, the father born in Ontario and the mother in Toronto. His father, a prominent physician, engaged in the practice of his profession in Canada until 1869, when he settled in Grass Valley, California, of which locality he was one of the pioneer medical men. There he built up a large private practice and was also surgeon for a number of the leading mining companies of that locality. In later life he moved to Lincoln, Placer county, where his death occurred in 1919, at the age of eighty years. He was a republican in his political views. He is survived by his widow, who still resides at Lincoln.

R. Morton Manson spent his boyhood years in Nevada and Placer counties, where he attended the public schools. During 1909 and 1910 he was a student in

the University of California, after which he matriculated in the Oakland College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1915. He served for three years as interne and resident physician in the Alameda County Hospital, and in 1918, came to Hayward, where he has since been actively engaged in practice. He is well qualified in every respect for his life work and has been eminently successful in his efforts to combat disease, being regarded as a capable and trustworthy physician.

In 1917 Dr. Manson was united in marriage to Miss Madolyn Strohl, who was born in San Francisco and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Strohl and a sister of ex-Senator Strohl, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Manson are the parents of a son, Robert Morton, Jr.

The Doctor gives his political support to the republican party and is deeply interested in the welfare of the country, though his professional duties preclude his taking a very active part in public affairs. He is a member of Eucalyptus Lodge, No. 243, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Sycamore Lodge, No. 129, I. O. O. F.; Eden Parlor, No. 13, N. S. G. W., and the I. D. E. S. Personally the Doctor is courteous and affable in manner, possesses to a marked degree the faculty of inspiring confidence on the part of his patients and always carries a spirit of optimism into the sickroom, traits which have been of material assistance to him in his practice, and his record since coming to Hayward has won for him many warm and loyal friends.

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### CHARLES CHRISTOPHE

Charles Christophe, owner of the New French Dry Cleaners & Dyers, of Oakland, is an expert in his line of business, and his efficient and prompt service has enabled him to build up a large and prosperous business. He was born on the 9th of December, 1882, in Aubin, a mining and manufacturing city in the department of Aveyron in south central France. He attended school to the age of twelve years, when he went to work as a clerk in the office of a notary public, by whom he was employed until twenty years of age.

Having a brother in California, Mr. Christophe came to the United States in 1902 and located first in Oakland, where he at once found employment in the French cleaning and dyeing shop of Mr. Lyonnais at Twentieth street and San Pablo avenue, where he thoroughly learned every detail of the business. He later went to work for the Allec Cleaners in San Francisco, with whom he remained until the earthquake and fire of April, 1906, when he came to Oakland and was here employed by the same firm until 1907, after which he worked for about a year in Sacramento. In 1908 Mr. Christophe returned to Oakland and bought a small place at 2247 East Fourteenth street, his present location, where he engaged in the dry cleaning business. In 1911 he sold out and during the ensuing three years worked at his trade in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Denver, Colorado. In 1914 he again came to Oakland and reengaged in the business at his former location, where he has remained to the present time. Here he has met with very satisfactory success, having a modern and fully equipped plant. Through his hard and persistent

efforts, marked by good and honest service, he has gained a well earned reputation for absolute reliability and has attracted the patronage of the representative people of the city. He cleans and dyes all kinds of garments, plain and fancy, as well as portieres, draperies, blankets and other classes of goods, to all of which he gives the most painstaking attention, taking a justifiable pride in the high quality of his work.

Mr. Christophe was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Boirard, who was born and reared in Berkeley, California, and to them have been born four children: Clemence, Emrile, Armand and Florence.

Mr. Christophe has been an active factor in the organizing of several French societies in Oakland, and the members of which must be of French birth or descent, namely: L'Union Francaise, of which he was president in 1919 and is now recording secretary; the French Lady Foresters of America; the Lafayette Club, of which he was the first financial secretary; and the French Athletic Club, of which he was the first secretary. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World. A courteous and accommodating man in his business relations, cordial and friendly in manner toward all with whom he comes in contact, he has not only a wide acquaintance throughout the city in which he lives, but is held in high regard for his sterling qualities of character and his interest in the welfare of the community.

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### REV. ANTHONY RAGOGNA

Rev. Anthony Ragogna of the Salesian Father of the Venerable Don Bosco is doing splendid and appreciated work as pastor of Mary Help of Christians Roman Catholic church, at 2611 East Ninth street, Oakland, and his sincere devotion to his life work, his ability as a preacher and his effectiveness as a pastor have gained for him the respect of the entire community. Father Ragogna was born at Aviano, Udine, Italy, and secured his elementary education in the public schools. Later he went to Lisbon, Portugal, where he entered college and pursued his classical and theological studies, and was there ordained to the priesthood. For ten years he served as superior of the college there, and then went to Palmeiras, Brazil, where he spent nine years as a missionary among the Indians, being Superior of the colony. He saw two years of active service in the World war, being one year in the ranks as a common soldier in the Italian army. He was twice wounded, was captured and spent one year in the zone occupied by the Central powers. In 1919 Father Ragogna came to Oakland, California, and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church, on Seventh street, under Rev. Joseph Galli, with whom he remained for five years, and in 1924 he became pastor of Mary Help of Christians church, which is located in the Fruitvale district of Oakland. Here he has done a good work, greatly stimulating the activities of the church in all of its departments. He erected a new parish house, two big halls for Sunday School children and plans are being made for the future building of a new church and a school. This church has oversight of all the Latin Catholics of East Oakland, its membership being largely Portuguese, and Father Ragogna's working knowledge of five languages has been of great advantage to him in his labors. He has two assistants, Fathers Rinaldo

de Martini and A. Oroscio. Mary Help of Christians church was founded in 1915 by Rev. Candaïdo Ribeiro, who died November 11, 1918, and was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. Henry Ferreira, who served until 1924, when Father Ragogna came to the parish. A man of wide learning, deep sympathies and tireless in his labors, he has well earned the warm place which he holds in the hearts of his people.

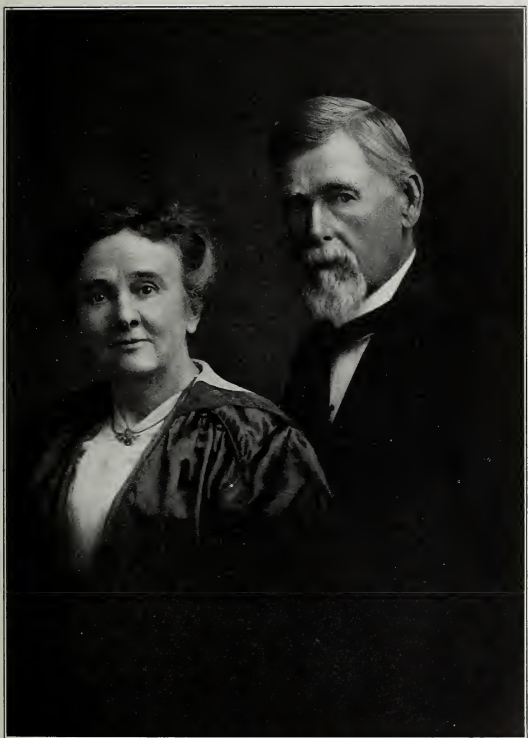
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### THOMAS R. EVANS

One of the most highly respected of the older residents of Oakland is Thomas R. Evans, who, after a long, active and successful business career, is now retired and is enjoying the fruits of his earlier efforts. Mr. Evans was born in Cornwall, England, on the 6th of July, 1846, and is a son of John and Margaret (Rule) Evans. His father never left England, where he was in the employ of one man for over fifty years.

Thomas R. Evans was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools. In 1866, when twenty years of age, he came to San Francisco, arriving November 1st, and then went to the mines at Grass Valley, where he worked as a blacksmith, which trade he had learned in England. He remained there seven years and then went to White Pine, Nevada, where he spent two years during the silver excitement, and then for five years served as an engineer and blacksmith for General Rosecrans in that state. He went to Eureka, Nevada, where he lived five years, after which he worked for the Sperry Flour Company at Stockton, California. In the meantime his brother, who was engaged in the hotel business in San Francisco, was taken ill and Mr. Evans went there to look after his interests. The brother died and Mr. Evans remained there until he had reared his brother's children and then, in 1882, he organized a company which became known as The San Francisco Fuse Manufacturing Company, and, coming to Elmhurst, Alameda county, built a plant for the manufacture of fuses. In this venture they were successful and carried the business on for many years. The San Francisco Fuse Manufacturing Company, was duly incorporated with John Dunn as president, John Rodda, secretary; and Thomas R. Evans, manager. When they established the plant the district was marsh-land, but the old buildings which they erected, and which are still standing, are now surrounded by other industrial and manufacturing plants. Mr. Evans devoted his efforts closely to this enterprise, which he developed with great success, and in the course of time, having accumulated a competency, he wisely retired from active pursuits and is now living in his comfortable home at 4619 Clemens street, Oakland.

When Mr. Evans was fifty-five years old he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Cotton, and after her death he married Miss Carrie Daniels. Mr. Evans has been a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Grass Valley since 1869, being now the oldest member of his lodge, and also belongs to the Sons of St. George in San Francisco. Though past four score years of age, he still maintains a keen interest in local and national affairs, on which he keeps well informed, and he



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS R. EVANS





is regarded as one of the "grand old men" of his community, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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### LOUIS JOHNSON & SONS

Among the home builders of Alameda county, none have shown a more progressive spirit nor attained a larger measure of success than Louis Johnson & Sons, who, through their extensive operations have contributed materially to the growth and upbuilding of Oakland. Louis Johnson was born in Norway, December 23, 1867, and secured a good education in the public schools of that country. When seventeen years of age he came to the United States and located at Sioux City, Iowa, where he learned the carpenter trade. After four years in that city he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed at his trade for fourteen years, assisting in the erection of the World's Fair buildings in Jackson park and completing the construction of the "Streets of Cairo" just prior to the opening of the fair in 1893.

In 1907 Mr. Johnson came to California and engaged in the contracting business at Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, where he erected the Luther Burbank residence and several houses on his ranch, also building the hall for the Native Sons of the Golden West in Santa Rosa and a number of fine residences. In 1908 Mr. Johnson came to Oakland and erected the Methodist Episcopal church at Thirty-eighth street and Telegraph avenue, after which he built a large number of homes in Piedmont, Berkeley and Oakland. In recent years he has devoted his activities largely to building and selling homes, and has been particularly successful in the development of Melrose Gardens, where he made the record of forty homes sold within a period of five months. Melrose Gardens, located in East Oakland, including Plymouth and adjacent streets and extending from Seventy-eighth to Seventy-ninth avenues, is one of the most attractive residence sections in northern Alameda county. Within the past two years Louis Johnson & Sons have built and sold more than one hundred and thirty houses of five or six rooms here. Not only are the homes honestly built and thoroughly modern in every respect, some of them having cement basements, but the neighborhood is in keeping with the homes, and every sale has been to a desirable purchaser. A feature of each home includes the built-in bookcases in the mantel of each living room, portable or built-in buffets in each dining room, finely appointed breakfast nooks, ironing board, special cupboards, ice boxes and ant-proof cellars. Beautifully wrought iron fixtures are installed in each living room and dining room, while linoleum is laid in each kitchen, breakfast nook and laundry, excepting those laundries in cement basements. Particular attention is given to the harmonizing of the wall paper of each room with its interior finish. Each home is equipped with a late type Hoyt automatic storage water heater, thus insuring an adequate supply of hot water at all times. The homes are ideally situated, being but four blocks from East Fourteenth street, and are thus close to stores, schools and transportation, yet far enough removed from traffic and noise to be ideal for children.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Annie Kolen, who is a native of

Norway, and to them have been born six children, Edward and Arthur, who are partners with their father in the firm of Louis Johnson & Sons; Walter, Howard, Mrs. Mary Anderson and Mrs. Agnes Folsos. Edward is the sales manager and the architect, and is a progressive and enterprising business man. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1896, and was educated in the public schools of Santa Rosa, Berkeley and Oakland. He possesses the faculty of giving to the homes which he designs a distinctive individuality which readily appeals to the tastes of prospective buyers. The cost of the homes built by the company ranges from five thousand six hundred to twenty-seven thousand dollars. The company belongs to the Builders Exchange and is numbered among the solid and dependable building concerns of this section of the state. Louis Johnson possesses exceptional judgment in practical matters, is a man of sterling qualities and has shown a genuine interest in the welfare of his community, while all who have come in contact with him hold him in high regard. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and is a trustee of Trinity Lutheran church.

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### W. W. DIXON

W. W. Dixon, of Oakland, has rendered a distinctive service to the home builders of the East Bay district as a designer of houses, displaying an originality of ideas and an accurate knowledge of the service requirements of a home that have gained for him an extensive and satisfied clientele. Mr. Dixon was born in San Francisco, California, on the 19th of November, 1883, and secured his educational training in the public schools of Oakland, to which city his family had removed. He took up architectural drawing, studying in the office of A. W. Smith, of Oakland, and with Bliss & Faville, of San Francisco, and during subsequent years he has devoted his attention to the planning of homes. From 1922 to 1926 Mr. Dixon also published a magazine, called *The Home Designer and Garden Beautiful*, and later edited and published the largest illustrated book on small homes ever issued in this country, it having a ready sale throughout the United States. The book gives illustrations of homes of various types and designs, with floor space and plans drawn to scale. He maintains a "House Plan Service," including a complete line of stock plans, and comprising a complete service for the builder. Mr. Dixon maintains that the same selling principles must be applied to houses that are used in any commercial business. Features that attract a buyer should be incorporated in the plans. The exteriors should be so designed that they will appeal to the prospective home builder—little features that suggest and give the character and feeling of the larger, more expensive home should also be used. In other words, his central idea is to get away from the boxy, unattractive, carpenter-designed house, and give the public what it wants—something better—and there will be no trouble in disposing of houses at a handsome profit. For years Mr. Dixon has been identified with the most successful speculative builders of small homes and his designs have sold homes by the hundreds. He has designed and planned over three hundred homes built by R. C. Hillen in Oakland, the Spanish, Italian, Norman and Swiss chalet types being frequently used, and the Hillen houses have

attracted much attention and favorable comment throughout the East Bay district. Mr. Dixon's principal clients are building and loan societies, small banks, tract development companies and lumber companies, and his designs have been successfully used in Florida, Texas and other states. Mr. Dixon possesses the happy faculty of becoming personally interested in the planning of any home for which his services have been engaged, mere routine performance of a contract not satisfying him, and this is undoubtedly one of the main elements of his success, for his pleased and satisfied customers have been his best advertisement. Mr. Dixon has been greatly interested in the development and improvement of the section of the county in which he lives and for which he has been a loyal and effective booster. He enjoys a wide acquaintance and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### JOHN A. AZEVEDO, M. D.

Among the representative physicians and surgeons of Alameda county is Dr. John A. Azevedo, of Hayward, who is also rendering effective service as county health officer. He has demonstrated his mastery of his profession, in the practice of which he has met with success, and he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him. Dr. Azevedo was born in Sacramento, California, on the 2nd of June, 1894, and is a son of Jouquin and Rosalia Azevedo, who were natives of the Azores islands, where they were married. When a young man, Mr. Azevedo came to the United States, in 1853, locating in the mining fields of northern California, where he labored for awhile but later turned his attention to the vegetable business. Eventually he returned to the Azores, where he was married and then engaged in the real estate business for a short time. On again coming to California, he located at Freeport, where he bought land and engaged in farming. In partnership with a cousin, he established the Eagle Winery, at Sacramento, which they operated for thirty-seven years. He resided at Sacramento until his death, passing away three years ago, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He gave his political support to the republican party.

John A. Azevedo lived in Sacramento from his birth until 1911, attending the Brothers College. He then entered the high school department of St. Mary's College, at Oakland, and was graduated in 1913, after which he matriculated in the medical school of Leland Stanford University, from which he received the degree of A. B. in 1918. In 1917 he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army for service in the World war and was stationed at Base Hospital 47, at Fremont, California. Later he was transferred to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and in June, 1918, was sent to France, where he was assigned to the army hospital at Beaune, Côte d'Or, where he served eight months. In May, 1919, he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged, after which he resumed his medical studies graduating with degree of M. D. in 1923. He served one year as interne in the San Francisco General hospital and for one year was associated with his brother, Joseph L., at Hayward. In 1925 he was appointed county health officer for Alameda county and is still filling that position in a very efficient and satisfac-

tory manner. He is a man of earnest purpose, is conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and excellent results follow his efforts.

In January, 1920, Dr. Azevedo was united in marriage to Miss Pearl S. Schell, who was born in Blue Canyon, Placer county, California, and is a daughter of Perry and Margaret (Logan) Schell, early settlers of that locality. Dr. and Mrs. Azevedo have two children, John, Jr., and Robert. In his political views the Doctor is independent. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Woodmen of the World, the Lions Club, the American Legion and the I. D. E. S., of which organization he is supreme medical examiner. He has led an active and useful life, is devoted to his professional work, and his record has gained for him a high standing among the leading physicians of Alameda county, so that he is well worthy of the high place which he holds in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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### SAN LEANDRO GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

The city of San Leandro enjoys a high reputation for its excellent educational system, providing the best facilities for the grade pupils, having three thoroughly modern grammar school buildings, splendidly equipped. These schools, under the capable supervision of Professor W. O. Davies, are maintained at a high standard of efficiency. The Lincoln school, at Hepburn and Clark streets, with an attendance of six hundred pupils, has the following teachers: W. O. Davies, supervising principal, Mina Teregellas, Alfred Ames, Marguerite Perry, June Willis Fontes, Ethel Madsen, Marion West, Alice Arnold, Dorothy Jeffery, Margaret De Cou, Rena Kenney, Corinne Rose, Pearl Liles, Lottie Righter, Madge L. Whelan and Dolores Mote. The McKinley school, at East Fourteenth and Esterbrook streets, with an attendance of three hundred and eighty pupils, is taught by Andrew Cartwright, vice principal, Leta O. Massey, Gertrude Knudsen, Helen La Shelle Stoaer, Daisy Righter, Alys Claire Garcia, Evelyn Forsyth, Amy Banta, Dorothea Helms, Marjorie Tuttle. The teachers of the Washington school, at Dutton and Breed avenues, with an attendance of seven hundred and twenty pupils, are as follows: Roscoe M. Banta, vice principal, Iantha J. Cooke, Gladys Avan, Mary Wells, Della Pursell Whitaker, Nellie Bunker, Cecile Creede, Isabella R. La Shelle, Mildred Rosborough, Frances Michael, Margaret T. Leite, Myrtle Ware Parker, Pearl Ten Eyck Simmen, Cora E. Nunn, Grace F. Gronger, Edna Simonsen, Dorothy Schaufler, Alice Freed. Special teachers are: Eva Cawley, penmanship; Inez E. Hubbard, music; Ella Swanson, art; Charles C. Way, band; Marguerite W. Brown, secretary; John Perry, head custodian; Manuel Perry, Lincoln custodian; Frank Bento, Lincoln custodian; Frank Avillan, McKinley custodian; Fred V. Scott, Washington custodian. These schools provide instruction in kindergarten and the first six grades. The buildings are large and substantially built and in their arrangement and appointments are admirably adapted to their use. The following comprise the board of trustees: William Lucio, clerk; Lloyd Stagner, trustee; Lester F. Sterner, trustee; W. O. Davies, district superintendent.

W. O. Davies was born in Tuolumne county. His father, the late W. D.

Davies, who had mined gold successfully in the southern mines, made several trips to California. On one of the first of these trips he served as second mate on a sailing vessel, which stopped at Rio De Janeiro, and from that port sailed around the Horn to California, where, in 1849, he joined the rush to the gold mines.

W. O. Davies has shown a commendable interest in local civic affairs and has been active in matters affecting the progress of his community. He served during 1925-6 as a member of the San Leandro board of trustees and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Cordial and friendly in manner, he has a wide acquaintance and commands to a marked degree the confidence and good will of his fellowmen, who appreciate his splendid educational work, as well as his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### KARL A. JOHANSON

Karl A. Johanson, classed among the leading home builders of Alameda county, passed through a number of years of very discouraging conditions before getting a foothold in the business world and the success which is now crowning his efforts has been won through persistent and unremitting effort. He was born on a farm in Sweden on the 14th of August, 1884, and secured his education in the public schools. He served a three years' apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, being employed as errand boy the first year, at shop work during the second year, and on outside building work during the third year, and on the completion of his apprenticeship was regarded as an expert workman, receiving a diploma as a journeyman carpenter. In 1903, when nineteen years old, Mr. Johanson emigrated to the United States and went direct to South Dakota, where he was employed as a farm hand. Later he worked in the lumber woods of Minnesota, and in the spring of 1904 went to Superior, Wisconsin, where he was employed until the following winter, when he went to Drummond, Wisconsin, where he obtained work in a sawmill, receiving fourteen cents an hour for an eleven-hour day. Later he was in Duluth, Minnesota, and afterward in Port Arthur, where he worked in a logging camp, receiving twenty-five dollars a month and his board. When that job was completed, he was out of work and had no money, so he went to work as a railroad section hand, swinging pick and shovel for one dollar and a quarter a day. Not satisfied with that line of work, he went to Minnesota, where he secured work at the carpenter trade, receiving two dollars and a half a day. In the fall of 1906 he went to Seattle, Washington, where he remained for fifteen years, during the greater part of which time he was engaged in building operations. He saved money and took a six-months trip back to his native land. In 1920 Mr. Johanson came to Oakland and engaged in the building business, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful, having built over three hundred houses in this district, one hundred and seven having been built by him in one year, and he is now regarded as one of the leading contractors and most reliable business men in this locality. Recently he went on a second trip to Sweden and Europe, taking his family with him, and had a very enjoyable visit and sightseeing trip.

Mr. Johanson was united in marriage to Miss Janny Lundstrone, a native of

Sweden, and they are the parents of five children, Lilly, Waldo, Hubert, Karl and Vivian. Mr. Johanson is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Swedish Society. He has richly earned the success which has come to him and his excellent qualities have gained for him the respect and good will of all who know him.

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#### 1. SAN LEANDRO STEAM AND FRENCH LAUNDRY COMPANY

For more than twenty years the people of San Leandro have patronized the Mirande laundry, now operated under the name of the San Leandro Steam and French Laundry Company, and the fact that during these years the business of the establishment has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth is sufficient evidence of the high quality of the work turned out. This business was established here in 1905 by J. B. Mirande, who is a native of France, from which country he came to the United States in young manhood. He opened the French Laundry, which, through his painstaking efforts and careful management, proved a successful venture, and as he prospered he added to the equipment, keeping always in view the fact that satisfactory service should be the first consideration. In 1924 he erected the present building at 251 Ward street, the first floor of which is occupied by the laundry, while he utilizes the upper floor for residence purposes. After carrying the business on alone for many years, he took his two older sons into partnership and the enterprise is now largely operated by them. They do a general laundry business, though specializing in gentlemen's and fancy hand work, rough and dry wash and hotel work. The laundry is sanitary in every respect and the business is operated along modern and up-to-date lines.

In 1901, in San Francisco, Mr. Mirande was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hauret, also a native of France, and they now have three sons: Frank A., born July 12, 1903; Lucien R., June 13, 1904; and Alfred George, April 13, 1921. The sons have received their educational training in the public schools of San Leandro and the two first named are now devoting their efforts to the laundry, in the management of which they have shown sound judgment and great energy. Mr. Mirande is a republican in his political views and is a loyal and devoted citizen of his adopted country, winning a high place in the esteem and good will of his fellow-men. Frank Mirande is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and he and his brother are deservedly popular throughout their community.

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#### GUS STEPHENS

Gus Stephens, who owns and operates the popular Stephens' De Luxe Grill in San Leandro, has had wide and varied experience along his special line of business and the success which is now his is but the legitimate reward of his earnest and effective efforts to provide the best service to his patrons. A native of Greece, he was born on the 25th of February, 1893, and is a son of George and Rilles Stephens, the latter still living in that country. The father, who died in 1926, was

a well-to-do farmer in Greece, owning five thousand acres of land, and also gave considerable attention to raising livestock. To him and his wife were born three children: Polanika, who is married and still lives in Greece; Gus; and Stelos, who lived in this country and was a soldier of the United States in France during the World war but died on Easter Sunday, 1927.

Gus Stephens obtained a good education in his native land and is an accomplished linguist, being able to read, write and speak the Greek, French, Arabian and English languages. When eleven years of age, he went to Cairo, Egypt, where for three years he lived with an uncle, who was engaged in business there, and then returned to his home in Greece. In 1907, when fourteen years of age, he came alone to the United States, landing at New York city in July. He went to Reading, Pennsylvania, where he made his home with a cousin and attended the public schools. However, in 1910 he went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he obtained work as a waiter in the Belvidere Hotel, where he remained three years. In the meantime he had become a cook and on leaving there he went to New York city, where he was employed as assistant cook in the Astoria and Plaza Hotels. From there he went to Chicago, Illinois, and worked as a waiter in the Blackstone Hotel. A year later he went to Canada and for a time was employed in the leading hotels in Montreal, Quebec, Ontario, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, and was also in the dining car service on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In 1914 he returned to New York York city and there served as chef until 1916, when he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he engaged in business on his own account. In this venture conditions were against him, for soon after he started out a number of the automobile factories, including the great Ford plant, shut down and a period of business depression followed. Mr. Stephens next went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained only one week, and thereafter he traveled extensively, visiting Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, was in old Mexico, and from there went to Tucson, Fairbanks, Prescott and Yuma, New Mexico, and thence to Los Angeles, being in the latter city at the time of the Elks' convention, during which he was employed as a cook at the Ambassador Hotel. After two months, Mr. Stephens went to Santa Barbara, where he visited during the summer vacation period. For a short time he was at Paso Robles and also at San Francisco, but did not like the latter city, and went on to Vallejo. Later, locating in Oakland, he worked in a restaurant about three months, and in December, 1921, came to San Leandro and opened the San Leandro Grill. After running that place three years, he sold out and returned to Oakland, where he lived until 1924, when he again came to San Leandro and established his present business, known as Stephens' De Luxe Grill, at 1169 East Fourteenth street. He has a well arranged and nicely furnished place of business and, with a thorough understanding of the art of pleasing the palate, he has here won a large patronage, including the representative people of the city.

In 1921, in Oakland, California, Mr. Stephens was united in marriage to Miss Hilda Bailey, who was born in South Africa and is a daughter of Stephen and Mary Salina Bailey, who were respectively of English and Irish birth. Her father, who was reared and educated in England, had in young manhood worked in the tin mines in Cornwall, and from there went to New Zealand, where he worked in the gold mines. Later he went to Australia, where he was similarly engaged, and



eventually went to South Africa, working in the gold mines at Johannesburg, Transvaal, and also in the Kimberly diamond mines. His death occurred there when Mrs. Stephens was about six years old and was attending school in England, where the family was then living. Her mother, who is now sixty-eight years of age makes her home with Mrs. Stephens in San Leandro, and has just returned from a visit to England. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey became the parents of eight children, Eleanor, William, Walter, Alice Grace, Stephen, who died young, John Hilda and Stephen. Hilda Bailey received a good education in the common and high schools of Cornwall, England, and then took a course in nursing in the Falmouth Hospital, from which she was graduated as a trained nurse. In 1920 she came to the United States with her mother to join two brothers who were then living in Nevada, and she came to Oakland to live about six months prior to her marriage to Mr. Stephens. To this union has been born a son, George, now five years old. Mrs. Stephens has been a valued assistant to her husband, her travels in various parts of the world having given her an understanding of the wants and tastes of the people. The grill is kept scrupulously clean and is a comfortable and attractive place in which to dine, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens making their patrons feel at home and rendering to them the quality of service that satisfies. Mr. Stephens is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fruitvale, near Oakland, and is a popular member of the circles in which he moves, being cordial and friendly in manner and a man of sincere and honest motives.

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### BURTON F. BECKER

No citizen of Alameda county is held in a higher measure of esteem than Burton F. Becker, the able and efficient sheriff of this county. Fifteen years of active and faithful service as an officer of the law has gained for him high prestige in this section of the state, while his consistent private life and his unselfish and earnest efforts in the redeeming of human wrecks have earned for him the genuine respect and gratitude of his fellowmen. Mr. Becker was born in Freeport, Illinois, August 1, 1888, and is a son of Charles Cooper and Josephine (Felber) Becker. In 1900 the family came to California, locating in Santa Rosa, where the father engaged in business, to the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1922. The mother passed away in 1901.

Burton F. Becker attended the public schools of Freeport, Illinois, completing his education in the high school at Santa Rosa. He then took up electrical engineering and for two years was in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Seattle, Washington. From there he was transferred to the East Bay district, where he remained several years, and was later in the construction department of that company in the same district. Subsequently he was with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in Oakland for a time, going then to the Great Western Power Company, with which he remained until the fall of 1913, when he went to Piedmont to reconstruct the city signal system. He was next appointed chief of police, in which position he served for thirteen years, and so satisfactory was his





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administration of his department that in the fall of 1926 he was elected sheriff of Alameda county, being the present incumbent of the office.

Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss Claire Hickman, who is a native of Iowa. Politically Mr. Becker is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is a member of Piedmont Lodge, No. 521, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Sciots, Oakland Pyramid No. 2, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Becker was several times rejected for service in the United States Army during the World war but was finally accepted and was in training at Camp Kearney. In a quiet but very effective way, he has done much splendid work in saving men who have become the victims of drug habits and has thus earned the undying gratitude of these men and their families. He is a man of candid and straightforward manner and his excellent personal qualities, as well as his fine official record, have gained for him the sincere regard and confidence of all who know him.

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#### ASHLEY SMITH

A review of the life of Ashley Smith, a well known real estate man of Melrose, Oakland, reveals the fact that his success has come through the exercise of persistent industry, loyalty to every interest with which he has been identified and sound judgment in the direction of his affairs. He is essentially a self-made man and has proved well worthy of public confidence and patronage. Mr. Smith, who is president of the Melrose Realty Company, was born in Oakland, California, April 26, 1884, and is a son of Arthur and Helena (Wills) Smith, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of England. Arthur Smith was one of the early settlers of Alameda county, locating here in 1860, and for many years was engaged in mercantile pursuits, but is now retired.

Ashley Smith received his educational training in the Temascal school (now the Emerson school) and in night schools. He began work at twelve years of age, selling newspapers on the streets of Oakland. Later he worked in a printing office and learned the trade of a lithographer. For a time he was employed in the store of the Edwards Jewelry Company, after which he worked for the Union Lithographing Company until he accepted a job as traveling salesman for the N. K. Fairbanks Soap Company, his territory being the Pacific coast states. He showed marked ability in that line and was promoted to the position of crew manager, eventually becoming general salesman. When the United States entered the World war Mr. Smith went to war with the Twenty-third Infantry Regiment, Second Division, and was among the first troops to be sent to France, where he served until the close of hostilities, taking part in a number of the important battles in which the American troops were engaged. On his return home he was honorably discharged and became a salesman for the A. Schilling Company, dealers in tea and coffee, following that line of employment until 1921, when he resigned and turned his attention to the real estate business. This proved a judicious move, for he has attained distinctive success, the Melrose Realty Company, of which he is the

head, taking its place among the active, progressive and prosperous realty concerns of this city. Some idea of the extent of his operations may be gained for the statement that in the past four years Mr. Smith has handled four hundred and seventy-four deals, while he has also built and sold one hundred and twenty homes and apartment houses in Alameda county, which speaks well for his energetic and enterprising methods. He has shown keen discrimination in all of his operations and is regarded as a man of clear-headed judgment in matters pertaining to his line of business. Mr. Smith is a member of the American Legion. Among his associates he is deservedly popular, for he is cordial and affable in manner and loyal and true in every relation of life. He is greatly interested in the progress and welfare of the East Bay district and has been a large factor in its development and improvement.

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### ERIC RUUS

Eric Ruus, serving as manager of the Hayward Poultry Producers Association, has exhibited business qualifications of a high order, and as a citizen he has not been behind any of his fellowmen in efforts to advance the best interests of the community. Mr. Ruus was born at Mount Eden, Alameda county, on the 4th of September, 1877, and is a son of Eric and Anna (Fischer) Ruus, both of whom were natives of Denmark, where their marriage occurred. The father was a seafaring man and made a number of voyages to the Pacific coast. In 1867 he decided to locate here and sailed to the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed and then took a sailing vessel to San Francisco. Locating at Russell City, he built a house and then, having been a ship carpenter, he followed the building trade there and in neighboring towns for a number of years. He experienced the great earthquake that wrecked the town of Hayward. Locating at Mount Eden, he engaged in the hotel business until 1879, when he sold out and returned to Denmark. There he later, in company with a number of others, built a steamship, of which he was made captain, and he sailed it for three years. In 1883 he returned to Mount Eden and here engaged in farming up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1921, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His widow is still living there at the age of eighty years. Mr. Ruus was a democrat in his political views and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Eric Ruus, Jr., secured his early education in the public schools of Mount Eden, and on starting out to earn his own livelihood engaged in farming and harvesting. In 1901 he went to Alaska, where he had charge of a warehouse for the American Mercantile Company at Nome. Later, with other members of the company, he established stores in various mining camps of that territory, but his operations were interrupted by a serious illness which laid him up for four months at Fort Clarence. Returning to Mount Eden, he here recovered, and then went to Oxnard, Ventura county, California, where for a number of years he worked for the American Beet Sugar Company. Later he was in the motion picture business at Oxnard, and was in the same line of business at Ventura, but eventually sold his interests there and came to Hayward, where the motion picture business commanded his attention for two years. In 1917 he sold out and accepted a position with the

Hayward Poultry Producers Association then occupying a building twenty by twenty feet in size. They handle all kinds of feed and poultry supplies, coal, cement and hardware, and the business has enjoyed a steady increase until the plant now covers over an acre of ground and they are doing an annual business of over one million dollars and employ twenty people. As manager for the Hayward Poultry Producers Association, he looks after the wants of eleven hundred members, most of whom are farmers and poultry raisers, and the organization has proven very successful and of great value to the members.

On June 6, 1906, Mr. Ruus was united in marriage to Miss Maria Nielsen, who is a native of Denmark, and is a daughter of Niels and Maren Nielsen and a sister of N. P. Nielsen, a member of the board of high school trustees of Hayward. Mr. and Mrs. Ruus are the parents of a daughter, Gladys M., who is taking a course in music in Mills College.

In addition to his local interests, Mr. Ruus is also a director of the Poultry Producers of Central California. He is independent in his political attitude, though thoroughly alive to public affairs, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary Club and the Dania Lodge. He is a man of excellent personal qualities, and in his business affairs he is prompt, courteous and reliable, so that throughout the community he is held in high regard.

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### H. W. SERAMUR

H. W. Seramur, who conducts a modern undertaking establishment in San Leandro, is a man of wide experience in that most exacting line of effort and has gained a very favorable reputation as a competent and efficient funeral director. He was born in Butler county, Ohio, on the 6th of December, 1882, and is a son of Peter and Emma Seramur, the latter also a native of Butler county, Ohio, where her father had lived for seventy years, being a prosperous farmer of his locality. Peter Seramur was born, reared and educated in Germany and on coming to the United States located in Butler county, Ohio, where he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of good land and became one of the successful farmers and substantial citizens of that section. Both parents are now deceased.

H. W. Seramur secured his education in the public and parochial schools of Hamilton, Ohio, graduating from high school. He then enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, joining Company A of the Twenty-eighth Regiment United States Regular Infantry, and spent nine years in the military service of his country, during six years of which time he was in the Philippine islands and three years years at the Presidio, in San Francisco. While a boy in Cincinnati, Ohio, he had met William Howard Taft, who was later governor-general of the Philippines while Mr. Seramur was serving there. Mr. Seramur was under General Funston and became the latter's orderly sergeant, afterwards being made a sergeant first class in the United States Hospital Corps.

On receiving his honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Seramur resumed his studies and soon afterwards decided to take up the business of undertaking and embalming. To this end, he entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming, from

which he was graduated in 1914, and at once went to work for Bussey & Boreman, the largest undertaking establishment in Cincinnati. In December, 1915, he came to California and a little later entered the employ of N. Gray & Company of San Francisco, with which concern he remained until the early part of 1917, when he went to Reno, Nevada, where for two years he was employed by Groesbeck, O'Brien & Company, undertakers. He now felt that his experience justified him in engaging in the business on his own account and, coming to San Leandro in 1920, he bought the Robert Morgan undertaking establishment, the pioneer concern in that line here, which he continued for five years at the old location. In 1925 he bought the commodious residence property at 407 Estudillo avenue, which he remodeled and converted into an ideal funeral home. His equipment is modern throughout, including a sanitary and up-to-date operating room, a well arranged stock room and a neat and spacious chapel, while his hearses and service cars are motorized. He employs a lady embalmer and attendant and no effort is spared in order that the best service may be rendered.

On November 15, 1911, In San Francisco, Mr. Seramur was united in marriage to Miss Hedwig Flehsig, of that city, who was born near Berlin, Germany, and they now have a son, Henry A. Mr. Seramur is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Alameda County Undertakers' Association, the California State Undertakers' Association, and the Spanish-American War Veterans. A man of courteous and kindly manner, he has gained a high place in the esteem of the people of this section of the East Bay district, and commands his full share of the business in his line, while as a citizen he has consistently supported all measures of the advancement of the public welfare. He has therefore won and retains to a marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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### ST. MARY'S OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception is the mother Roman Catholic church in Oakland and the pioneer church of Alameda county. Much of the early history of the city's growth is interwoven with the history of this church. In the early days the vast territory of the parish extended from the bay of San Francisco into Contra Costa county, and from Contra Costa to Mission San Jose. From 1853 it was attended as a mission from San Francisco, a priest coming once a month to celebrate mass. In 1858 Rev. J. Croke became resident missionary, and in 1861 was succeeded by Rev. J. Quinn, who was the first resident pastor. The first church was a little frame structure, cruciform in shape, consisting of the main portion in length and the wings or two arms. The entrance to the main body of the church was through the front door, but on entering the wings it was necessary to go around the outside of the church, up a board walk and enter by a side door. The church was erected of rough boards, running perpendicularly, and outside was a sheeting of rough clapboards. The church stood back a little from the walk on Seventh street, between Jefferson and Grove streets.

Oakland in those days was one vast forest of spreading oaks, stately poplars and wild fruit trees. The city proper was Broadway and Fourth streets, and Seventh street was in those days the entrance to the woods. On September 10, 1863, train and ferry boat came into Oakland, and one year later ran into East Oakland. It was called the San Francisco-Oakland Railroad and Ferry Line. In August, 1869, the Central Pacific Railroad, now the Southern Pacific, came into Alameda, and into Oakland in the following October.

Father Quinn started the construction of the parochial residence but did not live to see it completed, as he was taken ill and died in St. Mary's hospital, San Francisco, on Christmas eve, 1864. On February 20, 1865, Rev. Michael King was appointed pastor, and at once started to improve the condition of the parish along temporal as well as spiritual lines. He extended the wings of the church until the entire edifice had a sixty foot frontage. In 1868 the foundation for the new church was laid, but the church was not completed until some time later, being dedicated in June, 1872. In building the new St. Mary's, it had been the intention of people and pastor to erect a brick building. Collections were taken up with a will and though the people were few in number they were broadminded and liberal. Father King was loved by all, and everyone, regardless of creed, gave of his time and means. Notable among the list of donors was Dr. Samuel Merritt, who, though not belonging to the church, gave five hundred dollars towards its erection. For some reason, the brick building was not erected, a wooden structure being put up in its stead. The original plans were drawn by Architect England, of New York, who was at that time on a visit to the coast. Later the plans were redrawn by B. J. Clinch, of San Francisco. The contract for building the church was given to L. Carr, who has long since passed away. His son, Peter Carr, who worked on the building, through some mishap fell from a scaffolding and was killed in 1871. He was an estimable young man, closely identified with the church work, and often accompanied Father King in the rounds of his extensive work. A memorial window in his honor is erected in the church. Particular mention may also be made of the late John Lynch, who was also connected with this family. He served as altar boy at the first mass celebrated by Father King in the parish, and the members of his family were among the few privileged to be at the bedside of Father King when he passed to his eternal reward.

Midnight mass was one of the features of the early days of the parish, but after a few years the custom was dispensed with. St. Mary's was an interesting rendezvous in those early days, especially to the farmers, when the parish extended out to the foothills. Every Sunday the square around the church was thickly dotted with spring wagons and vehicles of every description. After the services the people would gather together and spend an hour or two in exchange of hearty greetings. Those were interesting days, that the old-time people love to think about. Since then many parishes have been formed out of the confines of this vast one and today many handsome religious edifices grace this fair city.

Those years were busy ones for Father King and his assistants. Long hours in the saddle over country roads were cheerfully endured as he brought consolation to his faithful flock. Father King was greatly loved by all of his congregation and nowhere do we find more tributes to him than at the time of his golden jubilee

in 1903, at which ceremony he was given a purse of three thousand dollars. Msgr. Edward Dempsey did much for the parish from the time he was appointed pastor in 1905. He erected a handsome and spacious parochial house and beautified the exterior of the church. A residence was also built for the Sisters of the Holy Names, who have charge of the parochial school. He also changed the interior of the church, making it one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture.

Today finds old St. Mary's standing in the down town section of Oakland, keeping the light of faith burning for all the nearby Christians. Rev. Francis M. Harvey is the faithful rector, assisted by Fathers Powelson and Hogan. As the old parishioners were true to the priests of their day, those of today are just as loyal to their present pastor and his assistants and St. Mary's stands as a bulwark of righteousness and morality, shedding an influence immeasurable in its results.

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#### REV. FRANCIS M. HARVEY

To the Rev. Francis M. Harvey belongs the honor of being pastor of the mother Roman Catholic church of the city of Oakland—St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, where he is doing most effective work, fully maintaining the prestige and traditions of this famous old parish.

Father Harvey was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 1st of October, 1870. After completing his elementary studies, he took the classical course at St. Charles, Maryland and the theological course at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Later he pursued further studies in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C. For many years thereafter he served as a teacher, three years of that time in New York city.

In 1898 Father Harvey came to California, and for twenty-seven years was a teacher in St. Patrick's Seminary, at Menlo Park, San Mateo county. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1900 by Archbishop Reardon in San Francisco. In 1924 he was appointed to his present pastorate at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, and has proven himself just as efficient in the pastoral duties as he was in the educational field. He is untiring and faithful in his attention to every detail of the work of the parish, is a fervent and effective preacher and zealous and constant in his efforts for the spiritual welfare of his parishioners. He has greatly endeared himself to his congregation and is regarded as one of the ablest and most efficient pastors this church has ever had.

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#### WALTER MORK

One of the most progressive and successful business men in Berkeley is Walter Mork, who has gained a wide reputation as an able and efficient heating engineer and sheet metal worker. He is entitled to great credit for what he has accomplished since coming to this locality, for every step of his progress to his present success has been gained by hard work and persistent effort, backed by intelligent and



judicious management, and he stands today among the most highly respected citizens of this community. Mr. Mork was born at Hangaa, Finland, on the 3rd of March, 1881, and is a son of Frederick F. and Carolina Mork. His father, who was for many years engaged in mercantile business at Hangaa, died about two years ago, at the age of seventy, and the mother is still living there, being now seventy-one years of age. They became the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom Walter Mork is the eldest. The youngest, Bertel Mork, is a sheet metal worker at 1606 Penn street, Berkeley, and the three sisters are still living in Finland.

Walter Mork secured his early education in the public schools of his native land, after which he attended a technical school. He served a five-year apprenticeship to the sheet metal trade, during which period he attended night school, thus acquiring both a theoretical and practical knowledge of that line of work, specializing in heating and ventilating. About the time he attained his majority he decided to emigrate to America, to secure better opportunities for individual advancement. Landing at New York, June 5, 1902, during the following year he was employed at his trade in various cities in this country and Canada. He arrived in San Francisco, California, on June 5, 1903, and was fortunate in securing steady employment at his trade working first for the Blackway Company, later for the Ray Company, and then for six years with the Dalziel-Moller Company. In 1912, having decided to start in business for himself, he came to West Berkeley and opened a sheet metal shop where the Rivoli theater now stands, remaining there until 1914, when he moved to a better location on Hearst avenue, near San Pablo. By close attention to his business and because of the high quality of his work, his trade enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. In 1923 he bought his present lot, seventy-five by one hundred and thirty feet in size, and erected a one-story stucco building, with concrete floor, which he now occupies. Here he has a complete and up-to-date equipment for the successful conduct of his business, and employs from fifteen to eighteen men. Among the more important contracts which he has handled in this locality may be mentioned the sheet metal work on the Willard school, on Telegraph avenue, the Garfield junior high school in Berkeley, and the Masonic home near Niles; and he furnished and installed the heating plants and did the sheet metal work on the two new residences of William and Anson Blake, in Berkeley Highlands. These and many other jobs stand in indisputable evidence of the high quality of his workmanship.

As the outcome of his studies and observation, Mr. Mork has produced two inventions which, in their practical application and results, are of distinctive importance and have proven very successful in a commercial way. One is the Vassal furnace house heater, the superiority of which has been thoroughly demonstrated and for which there is now a large demand. The other is a Vassal Brooder stove, which has proven a boon to poultry hatcheries wherever used. This is acknowledged to be the latest perfection of gas-fired brooder stoves, being made of rust-resistant, pure galvanized steel, with a thermostatic control, guaranteed to be free of mechanical defects and to give satisfactory service, being thirty per cent more efficient than any other known make. Mr. Mork also handles a full line of the celebrated Mueller furnaces, which he buys from Milwaukee Wisconsin, in carload lots, and many of which he has installed in this locality.

In 1905, In San Francisco, Mr. Mork was united in marriage to Miss Wenla Johnson, a native of Finland, and to them have been born five children, namely: Alice, who graduated from the University of California in 1927 and is now taking a post-graduate course in Spanish in that institution; Anne, who graduated from the Berkeley high school and is now attending business college; Walter, Jr., who graduated from junior high school and is now associated with his father; Evald, who is attending high school; and Aili, who is in the Burbank junior high school. Mr. Mork resides in a very comfortable and attractive home at 1037 First avenue, in which the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is always in evidence.

Mr. Mork is a democrat in his political views and has taken a deep interest in public affairs. In 1923, under the new city manager plan, he was elected a member of the city council, and in 1925 was reelected to a full four-year term. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is president of the Finnish Brotherhood, a beneficial organization. He has always been a student and has but recently pursued a course in political economy, while his general knowledge covers a wide range of subjects. A good business man, public-spirited citizen and loyal friend, he has won and retains the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of Berkeley's substantial and dependable citizens.

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### CHRISTEN NICOLAISEN

Christen Nicolaisen, who, after many years of earnest and successful effort as a farmer and fruit raiser, is now living retired, is regarded as one of Hayward's best citizens, being a man of upright character and correct principles. He was born in Denmark in 1850 and is a son of Nicolai E. and Ellen Christensen. He was reared in his native land, where he secured a good public school education, and then, at the age of eighteen years, he embarked on a sailing vessel for the United States. He crossed the Isthmus of Panama and took boat to San Francisco.

Coming to Hayward, Mr. Nicolaisen worked on various farms in this vicinity, and later rented a tract of land, which he cultivated. He bought and sold a number of farms, making a profit each time, and finally purchased fifty acres of land in the Castro valley, which he traded for other good property, and also bought seventeen acres, comprising his home farm. Here he planted a nice orchard and cultivated the land, and for many years devoted himself closely to its management, meeting with such success that eventually he was able to retire from active pursuits and is now enjoying a well earned leisure. He gave to his son Nicolai twelve acres of this tract and still owns five acres. He has made two trips to Europe, visiting his home in Denmark in 1890 and 1910.

In 1878 Mr. Nicolaisen was united in marriage to Miss Rasminnie Petersen, who died in 1884, leaving one child, Nicolai, and in 1893 Mr. Nicolaisen married Miss Anna Cathrina Jorgensen, to which union were born four children: Minnie, George, Christ and Anna. There are now nine grandchildren.

Mr. Nicolaisen is a man of excellent personal qualities, has been consistent in his life, and throughout the community he is held in the highest respect. He is numbered among the pioneers of Hayward and recalls that when he came here in



CHRISTEN NICOLAISEN



1869 there were no fences nor trees, very few people, and practically no roads, the stage to Alvarado going by the way of Mount Eden. He has been an interested spectator of the remarkable development of the county and is glad to know that he has contributed of his individual efforts to its development.

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### ECKERT E. SMITH

Eckert E. Smith, of the Oakland Coal Company, at 691 Twenty-seventh street, has spent his life in the Bay district and has won a well merited reputation as a progressive and wide-awake business man and public-spirited citizen. He was born in San Francisco January 9, 1894, and there secured his early education in the John Sweet school. Later the family moved to Oakland and here he attended the St. Francis de Sales school and St. Mary's College. On completing his education, Mr. Smith went to work as a clerk for the Luckenbach Steamship Company, but later became a clerk in the office of the East Bay Water Company, in Oakland. His first identification with the coal business was when he accepted a position as clerk in the office of his uncle, J. B. Smith, of the wholesale firm of The King Coal Company, there gaining a thorough practical knowledge of the business. In 1922 Mr. Smith entered into a partnership with George Prefontaine and organized the Oakland Coal Company, which has proven a very successful enterprise. George Prefontaine died in 1926, when a brother, Elwood Prefontaine, took over his interests. They own their own coal and wood plant and sell at retail only, having built up a large and steadily increasing trade throughout the city.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Pelletier, who was born and reared in San Francisco, and they are the parents of a son, James, now ten years of age. Mr. Smith is a member of the Knights of Columbus and he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church, to which they give generous support. Mr. Smith exemplifies a high type of citizenship and he is held in high regard for his business ability and his high personal qualities.

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### ST. CYRIL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The most recently organized Roman Catholic church in Oakland is St. Cyril's, at 3114 Sixty-second avenue. This young parish has shown remarkable vigor and its accomplishments within the space of less than two years reflect creditably on the progressive and determined spirit of the parishioners. The recent rapid growth of Oakland in the vicinity of Mills College prompted the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna to establish the parish of St. Cyril for the convenience of the Catholic residents of that locality and on December 17, 1926, definite boundaries were officially named for the parish, of which Rev. Francis F. McCarthy was appointed the first pastor. During the preliminary work of organizing the parish Father McCarthy availed himself of the invitation of Rev. P. J. Quinn to make his

home at St. Anthony's rectory, in East Oakland. A central location was chosen for the site of the parochial buildings at Sixty-second avenue and Camden street and sufficient property was immediately purchased for a church, rectory, school, convent, auditorium and school yard. The first problem was that of securing a temporary place for holding religious services, as there was no suitable social hall in that locality. In the emergency the Golden State Theater and Realty Company generously turned over the Capitol theater, on Foothill boulevard, to the pastor gratis for Sunday mass, which was said over a portable altar on the stage, with the congregation assisting from the body of the church, while the choir rendered hymns from the orchestra pit. Mass was said here every Sunday morning from January 30 to March 27, 1927.

At the end of February, Father McCarthy had taken up residence in the parish in a cottage at 3114 Sixty-second avenue, which had been purchased with the rest of the church property. With the advent of good weather in April a commodious tent was set up on the corner of the property to serve as a temporary church until the completion of a permanent place of worship in the fall. The tent was furnished with a wood floor, while pews and kneelers were provided sufficient to accommodate three hundred at a mass. The altar was presented to the church by the Fathers of the Redemptorist College, on Eighty-third avenue, and the pews and the statues were obtained from St. Rose's church, of San Francisco, which had just been canonically closed.

Study was immediately given to the construction of a permanent place of worship before the rigors of winter would again set in. At the request of the Most Rev. Archbishop, the decision was made to erect a combination parochial school and church, so that the generation of children growing up at the very inception of the parish might not be denied advantages of a religious education. The new building, which was completed in October, 1927, at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, is a two-story, reinforced concrete structure of modified Spanish design. Originally planned to house ten classrooms, the present building is divided into four large and beautiful classrooms, a roomy social hall and the temporary church quarters. Six grades are now under the supervision of Sisters of the Dominican order from San Rafael. The seventh grade will be added in 1928 and the eighth grade the year later. Father McCarthy has labored hard and earnestly in securing these tangible results and St. Cyril's parish is in a position now to do the work for which it was established. Its pastor has shown forceful and effective strength, both as preacher and pastor, and has won a warm place in the hearts of those to whom he is ministering.

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#### LOUIS J. SILVA

Louis J. Silva, who is rendering valuable service as chief of police at Hayward, also had a splendid war record and his entire career has been characterized by elements which have earned for him the sincere respect of his fellowmen. Born at Moraga, Contra Costa county, California, on the 25th of August, 1885, he is a son of Frank and Frances (Moraga) Silva. His father was born in Pico, Azores

islands, where he was reared to the age of eighteen years, securing his education in the public schools. He then embarked on a sailing vessel for the United States and on his arrival proceeded to Moraga, California, where he took up a tract of government land. He there followed farming for a number of years and after his marriage moved to Spring Valley, where for eight years he gave his attention to raising cattle, being the first man to deal in Hereford cattle in that locality. He then came to Hayward and bought a home at 1389 C street, which he improved, being one of the early settlers of this locality. He was afterward with the street car company. He was a man of progressive ideas, successful in business and his death occurred in 1908, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife was the first girl born in Moraga, Contra Costa county, and was a great-granddaughter of Lieutenant Moraga, who founded the Presidio in San Francisco.

Louis J. Silva was reared during boyhood at Hayward and assisted his father on the home farm for a number of years. Later he was appointed night watchman at Hayward, serving in that capacity for seven years, and his faithfulness and efficiency were rewarded when, in 1927, he was appointed chief of police, in which position he has proven one of the best officers the city has ever had.

In December, 1925, Mr. Silva was united in marriage to Miss Mary Garcia, who was born in Centerville, this state, and is a daughter of August Garcia, who was an early settler of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Silva have a son, Richard. Mr. Silva gives his political support to the republican party and is deeply interested in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his community. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the American Legion. In 1917 Mr. Silva enlisted for service in the World war, joining Company B, First Battalion, Three Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment, One Hundred and Eighty-second Brigade, Ninety-first Division, with which he saw much active service on the fighting line in France. He fought at Argonne, Metz, Lyss and the Meuse and he was given the Distinguished Service cross for bravery in action in the Argonne. He displays determination and perseverance in following out any definite line of action to which he gives his attention and in his present official position he is showing qualifications of the highest order. Courteous and friendly in manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the county and has a host of warm friends, who admire him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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#### THE REV. FRANCIS F. MCCARTHY

The Rev. Francis F. McCarthy, pastor of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Cyril's, at 3114 Sixty-second avenue Oakland, has been a resident of California since the days of his childhood. He was born in the pleasant hamlet of Dant, Marion county, Kentucky, and is a son of Florenz and Serena (Brunsted) McCarthy, who in 1890 came to California with their family and settled at Napa, where Father McCarthy was reared. He early dedicated his life and talents to the service of the church, and after a thorough course in St. Patrick's Seminary at Menlo Park was graduated therefrom in 1909 and ordained to the priesthood. His first service was as assistant to the pastor of Sacred Heart parish in San Fran-

cisco, and he thereafter continued in the active service of the church, being stationed at Oakland when in 1920 he was appointed by Archbishop Hanna to visit the mission centering at Yountville—to take up his residence there with a view to a study of its possibilities for parochial self-sustenance and to become its first pastor if its creation into a parish was found feasible.

After months of strenuous labor the indefatigable clergyman found conditions sufficiently favorable in the community to form a substantial basis for his recommendation for the creation of a parish, and formal steps were then taken to that end. Generous contributors aided in the cause of raising funds for the new ecclesiastical enterprise, a plot of ground was donated for the purpose and in May, 1921, work was begun on the erection of the church buildings—the church and the rectory and the installation of a water system and other essential outfittings. On Sunday morning, July 31, 1921, the new church was dedicated and placed under the patronage of the soldiers' saint, Joan of Arc, his grace, the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., archbishop of San Francisco, having charge of the dedicatory service in the presence of a distinguished body of the clergy and a large assemblage of the people of the community, solemn high mass being celebrated by the Rev. Francis F. McCarthy, who meanwhile had been installed as resident pastor. He served the parish faithfully and did much to further and extend its interests and its influence. Father McCarthy also had charge at Oakville and at Rutherford. It was apparent that Yountville should be the location of the parish home, for not only was it the largest of the three villages and the first approached, but it also was in the shadow of the Soldiers Home, from which calls from the veterans would be frequent. It also was imperative to erect a new church for the conduct of the new parish, the non-sectarian chapel at the Soldiers Home not being fitting to the creation of the familiar devotional environment sought by Catholic worshippers. With this end in view Henry Grigsby donated to the diocese the fine plot of ground on which the handsome and substantial establishment of St. Joan of Arc now stands and in due time, and by the unselfish aid of those interested, the present church and parish buildings were erected, as related above. The church edifice cost fifteen thousand dollars and the rectory something more than seventy-five hundred dollars. An additional charge of seventeen hundred dollars was laid to the furnishing of the church and something more than fourteen hundred dollars to the furnishing of the rectory, while the water system cost about fifteen hundred dollars, this with other expenses of construction bringing the cost of the parish establishment up to more than twenty-seven thousand dollars. This was supplemented by numerous generous gifts in the way of the essential furnishings of the church—altar, pews, statues and other articles being furnished by friends of the church in San Francisco as well as in the home community, so that St. Joan of Arc parish now is not only well but quite handsomely provided for, Father McCarthy very properly entertaining a feeling of gratification that his labors have been to tangibly rewarded. In 1926 Father McCarthy built the community hall in Yountville as a social center and adjunct of the church. In the Napa Daily Register for February 13, 1924, there appeared quite an interesting and informative history of this parish, from the pen of Father McCarthy, a valuable contribution to the history of this section of California.

In December 1926 Father McCarthy came to Oakland and here built St. Cyril's



church and the school. The parish is fortunate in having his services and is flourishing under his able supervision. The account of the work of Father McCarthy in founding this second parish may be found on another page in this history under the heading "St. Cyril's Roman Catholic Church and School."

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### J. H. BEGIER

The city of San Leandro is the home of a number of persons of outstanding ability and prominence in their several lines of effort, and of these none has accomplished greater things or risen to a higher place in public esteem than has J. H. Begier, who is known throughout this section of the state as a horticulturist, his noteworthy success along this line having gained for him the title of "The Cherry King," a distinction which he has rightly earned. Born in Hamburg, Germany, on the 21st of October, 1857, he is a son of Henry and Alice Begier, both of whom were natives of Germany, though the family in the paternal line is of French origin. His father was a circus performer, but died when his son was but six years of age.

J. H. Begier, an only son, is the second in order of birth of four children. He was educated in the fine public schools of his native city and at the age of fifteen years decided to become a landscape gardener. To this end he went to work on the estate of Baron von Schwerfing, for whom he worked for three years, after which he went to Lubeck, Germany, where he followed the same line for one year. In 1882 he set sail with his family for the United States, his destination being Tappan, Dakota territory, now North Dakota. There he took up a government homestead and a tree claim, but a year later he was compelled to abandon the place and came to California. Locating in San Francisco, he entered the employ of Surveyor-General Wagner, on whose farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Contra Costa county he was assigned to the work of laying out the grounds and planting the orchards. This is now known as the Orinda Park tract and is located six miles from the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. In 1885 Mr. Begier came to San Leandro, with a cash capital of two dollars, and engaged in farming on a tract of land near the bridge. Because of lack of working capital, he had a hard time and, not being able to make a living, he went back to San Francisco, where he worked about six months as a common laborer. He then got a job with Judge Nye, of San Leandro, for whom he worked as a gardener, at a wage of ten dollars a week. His faithfulness and efficiency so pleased Judge Nye that through his influence he gradually took charge of all the important orchards in the San Leandro district. He has set out almost every orchard in the district, at times employing from eighty to one hundred men and women. About this time he made the acquaintance and gained the friendship of A. P. Giannini, the distinguished banker, a friendship which still continues, and through this association was able to ship from San Leandro the first carload of rhubarb that ever went to the eastern markets from this section of the state. He also became acquainted with Mr. Giannini's step-father, Mr. Skatino, and they formed a partnership and engaged in the packing and shipping of San Leandro fruits and vegetables to the east in carload lots. From

that time to the present Mr. Begier has conducted an extensive business as an orchardist, horticulturist and shipper, and has been much more than ordinarily successful. He has planted and cultivated hundreds of acres of land, renting and leasing tracts in various districts, at times cultivating as high as eight hundred acres at one time, raising fruits, rhubarb, peas, cucumbers and tomatoes. He has planted a number of profitable orchards, and has specialized in raising cherries. For thirty-two years he farmed the tract now occupied by the Durant motor car works, and is now the owner of eight acres of valuable land within the city limits, besides which he has fifty acres in choice fruits. He has laid out Begier avenue and built fourteen houses on it, facing Oak street. He owns one hundred feet frontage at the corner of East Fourteenth and Ninety-ninth streets and other valuable properties. He is still extensively engaged in shipping fruits and vegetables in carload lots, and some of his products, particularly tomatoes, he sells to the Chicago Packing Company's canneries at San Leandro, to which he has delivered large quantities for many years.

Mr. Begier has been fortunate in his friendships, not only making good friends, but keeping them. Thus he became a friend of the late Colonel Hastings, a Civil war veteran and close personal friend of President McKinley of many years standing. The Colonel was a man of considerable means and formerly owned the eight-acre tract now belonging to Mr. Begier. When Mr. McKinley was president he promised to come out to San Leandro and spend a day with his old comrade, Colonel Hastings. The latter thereupon erected a magnificent tower, four stories high, from which Mr. McKinley might view the country around. However, Mr. McKinley found it impossible, owing to the press of urgent state affairs, to make the trip, much to the disappointment of the Colonel, who, nevertheless, continued to be his admirer and friend. Mr. Begier had the faculty of retaining the Colonel's friendship, eccentric as he was, and before the latter's death he expressed the wish that Mr. Begier should purchase the eight-acre tract at a bargain price. The sale was consummated about six months after the Colonel's death, at the settlement of the estate. Colonel Hastings erected the tallest flagpole in this township, and had it painted red, white and blue. This Mr. Begier afterward gave to the Roosevelt high school. After acquiring the property, Mr. Begier tore down the tower, from the material of which he built an attractive and modern residence. He has made many other valuable improvements on the property and is about to build a number of other residences on the tract. He has been successful in his undertakings and is a substantial stockholder in the Bank of Italy, being a member of the board of trustees of the San Leandro branch of that bank. Though past seventy years of age, he is still strong and active, working early and late, as he always has done, for idleness is entirely foreign to his nature.

In 1878, in Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Begier was united in marriage to Miss Alice Schultze, who is still living, and to them have been born four children: Emily, who died at the age of three years; Minnie; Harry, who is engaged in the contracting and building business in San Leandro; and Bernard, who is in the automobile business in Oakland. Mr. Begier has membership with the Masons in San Leandro, the Woodmen of the Word and the Kiwanis Club. Though not a member of any church, his children have been reared in the Presbyterian faith, and he has given generously to the building fund of each of the various religious denomina-

tions in San Leandro. He has been a constant and effective booster for San Leandro and about eighteen years ago he originated the Cherry Festival, which has been continued as an annual affair ever since, attracting people from all over the state. Luther Burbank located his demonstration gardens in San Leandro for the purposes of the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915, being attracted to this locality because of the favorable soil, the excellent climate and the closeness to San Francisco, as well as because of the warm friendship which existed between him and Mr. Begier, whom he recognized as a master horticulturist and whom he frequently visited. In the best sense of the term, Mr. Begier is a self-made man, having risen from a humble beginning to his present enviable position through his persistent and indefatigable efforts, backed by sound judgment and strict integrity, and he has long held a warm place in the hearts of his fellow citizens, in token of which they presented him with a large and beautiful silver cup.

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### ST. LOUIS BERTRAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

One of the most active and prosperous religious organizations in Oakland is the Roman Catholic church of St. Louis Bertrand, at One Hundredth avenue and East Fourteenth street, Elmhurst. Though two decades cover the history of the church, it has made rapid and substantial growth and exerts a strong influence for good in the community which it serves. Over the extensive territory included within the parish of St. Louis Bertrand church Rev. James Kiely was placed in charge in October, 1908. It was his task at the outset of his ministry here to provide a church and a rectory. Until this could be done, mass was celebrated in the Odd Fellows hall in Elmhurst and in Melrose hall in Melrose. In the comparatively short space of two years the energetic pastor succeeded in completing churches for both places and a suitable parochial residence was also erected on East Fourteenth street. The church of St. Louis Bertrand is a type of the Spanish renaissance and has a seating capacity of seven hundred. The property on which the church was built was donated by Mrs. Ludovina Peralta Ivey, of San Leandro, a direct descendant of the well known Louis Peralta. The church is named after the patron saint of the famous Don Louis Peralta, well known in the early days of California.

Father Kiely received his ecclesiastical training in Thurles and was ordained in 1897. The following year he arrived in California and was appointed assistant pastor at St. Patrick's church, in Oakland, where he remained four years, when he was transferred to St. Francis church in San Francisco. In 1904 he was appointed to the pastorate at Novato and in 1908 came to the newly formed parish of St. Louis Bertrand. He was succeeded here by Rev. Robert Sampson, the present pastor of Sacred Heart church in Oakland, during whose pastorate a splendid hall was added to the parish property. In this building, which faces East Fourteenth street, the classes in Christian doctrine are held, they being taught by the Holy Family Sisters. The hall is also a social center for the parishioners. Following Father Sampson came Rev. Michael Horan, who did effective work in maintaining the activities of the parish, and was succeeded by the late pastor, Rev. M. J. Concannon,

who died March 4, 1928. Father Collins the assistant pastor, is a forceful and enthusiastic worker, has stimulated all departments of the church work, and has gained a warm place in the hearts of the parishioners and the confidence and respect of the people of that section of the city who appreciate his loyal interest in the general welfare of the community. The Rev. Father Quirk has just been appointed pastor to succeed the late Father Concannon.

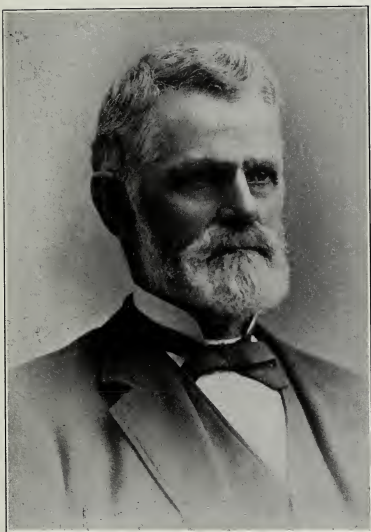
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### WILLIAM CLARK BLACKWOOD

William Clark Blackwood, who passed from the scenes of earthly activity in 1894, will always be remembered as one of the real pioneers in the fruit raising industry in Alameda county, and by his progressive methods he exerted a marked influence among the fruit growers of this section of the state, particularly in the growing and handling of apricots. He was a man of marked initiative ability and sound judgment, and the abundant measure of prosperity which crowned his efforts was well merited.

Mr. Blackwood was born in County Antrim, Ireland, from which country he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. They settled in New York state, where both parents died, and there he completed his education, studied law and was admitted to the bar. Later he went to Michigan, where he engaged in farming for a few years, and then came to Alameda county, California, where he established his permanent home, buying one hundred and fifty acres of good land. He made splendid improvements on his place, erecting a substantial set of farm buildings and giving his attention to fruit raising. He was the first man in Alameda county to plant an apricot orchard, in which he took a justifiable pride, it becoming in the course of time one of the show places of the county. He demonstrated the practicability of raising apricots here and thus gave an impetus to the movement which has resulted in this being one of the chief apricot raising counties in the state. He was also the first here to dry apricots in the sun. In 1879 he erected a splendid residence on his farm and in everything he undertook his displayed up-to-date ideas and methods. He also became the owner of three hundred acres of land near Winters, California, and a large tract of land at Mountain View, Santa Clara county. He was a good manager and cleared as high as thirty thousand dollars in one year on his fruit.

Mr. Blackwood was married three times, first to Miss Jane Woodard, who was born in Michigan, and to them were born four children, namely: Dr. Samuel Blackwood, deceased; Mrs. Mary F. Sparks; Mrs. Clementine Reynolds, of Palo Alto, California; and Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of William Owen, who is a native of Wales, and on coming to this country settled in Alameda county, where he became associated with the late Captain Roberts, of Roberts Landing. To Mr. and Mrs. Owen were born two children, William Blackwood Owen and Victor Hugo Owen, the latter of whom lived for a time at Santa Clara, California, but now resides in Oakland. William Blackwood Owen, who died in 1898, at the age of twenty-seven years, inherited his share of the estate. He married Miss Ethel M. Craig, who was born near Brantford, Brant county, Ontario, Canada, and was a



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niece of Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwood, with whom she came here to make her home. To William B. and Ethel Owen were born two children: Harry William, who married Miss Leola French; and Edith Craig Owen, who married Harry Schuyler and has one son, James Owen Schuyler. They reside in Whittier, California. To Mr. Blackwood's second union was born one child, Lucy Belle. In June, 1876, in San Francisco, Mr. Blackwood married Miss Elizabeth Craig, who was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Rosebrough) Craig. She was a teacher in the Oakland public schools prior to her marriage, and is now living on the home farm, at the age of eighty-five years, beloved by all who know her.

Mr. Blackwood gave his political support to the republican party, and was a member of the Presbyterian church, to which he gave generous support. He was a man of sterling qualities of character, loyal and true in every relation of life, and was not only highly successful in his individual affairs but also commanded the respect of his fellowmen. His death removed from Alameda county one of its most substantial and highly esteemed citizens, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

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### SIMEON A. D. BUCHANAN

Simeon A. D. Buchanan, of Newark, is numbered among those whose activities are directed along agricultural lines. He is meeting with well deserved success and stands among the worthy and respected citizens of his community. Mr. Buchanan was born on the ranch on which he now lives, a son of John and Rachael (Ross) Buchanan, the former born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and the latter in Londonderry, Ireland. The father left his native land at the age of fifteen years and followed the sea for fifteen years. Landing at New York city, he enlisted in the United States Navy during the war with Mexico. He was made quartermaster of his ship, which was sent to Vera Cruz, and they captured a slave ship. Subsequently they went to Norfolk, Virginia, and Mr. Buchanan was discharged some time later. On June 24, 1850, he arrived in San Francisco, California, and soon afterward came to Alvarado, Alameda county. He operated a boat from that point to San Francisco, but later engaged in mining on the Middle Yuba river. Returning to Alvarado, he bought forty acres of land, to which he later added twenty-six acres, giving his attention to the operation of this ranch until the earthquake of 1906, when he retired, and his death occurred in 1911, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was married after coming to this county, and his wife died in 1917, at the age of eighty-five years. They became the parents of three children, Margaret W., who is the wife of Orman J. Emery, of Alvarado; John Ross and Simeon A. D.

Simeon A. D. Buchanan received his educational training in the district school between Alvarado and Centerville and in the Oakland high school, from which he was graduated in 1890, after which he took a commercial course in the Pacific Business College in San Francisco. For awhile he clerked in a general store in Alvarado, and then engaged in a general merchantile business at Newark. This

proved a successful venture and he carried the business on for nineteen and a half years, when he sold out and settled on the home ranch. He has sixty-five and a half acres of fertile, well improved land, devoted mainly to raising cauliflower and spinach in winter, and corn, tomatoes, potatoes and squash in summer. He has given close attention to his farm, in the cultivation of which he has shown good judgment and from which he receives a nice income. Mr. Buchanan gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Native Sons of the Golden West. Mr. Buchanan recalls his father's account of conditions and events of the early days here, one of which was that pears raised on the old Mission San Jose found ready sale in San Francisco at one dollar each. Mr. Buchanan has not failed in his obligations of citizenship, having given his earnest support to every measure for the advancement of the community, while his personal record has been of a character that has earned for him the sincere respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### REV. ROBERT SAMPSON

Rev. Robert Sampson, one of the able and influential clergymen of the East Bay district, is rendering effective and appreciated service as pastor of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church in Oakland, which is one of the oldest and has long been one of the most important centers of religious life in this city. Until 1876, from a point at West Oakland and the bay of San Francisco, running thence by the water front easterly as far as Lake Peralta, now Lake Merritt, thence northeasterly to the foothills and by the foothills northerly as far as the boundary line of the two counties of Contra Costa and Alameda; and thence westerly as far as the bay of San Francisco, and thence southerly to the point of beginning, constituted only one Catholic parish. The only Catholic church for all the Catholics of this vast territory was St. Mary's, at Jefferson and Seventh streets. On January 13, 1876, Most Rev. Archbishop Joseph Alemany divided this extensive territory and established another parish. The division was made commencing at the foot of Twenty-eighth street at the bay of San Francisco on the west and by this street easterly to the west line of St. Anthony's parish and thence northeasterly to the foothills, by the foothills to the boundary line of the counties north of Berkeley, thence westerly to the bay of San Francisco and southerly to Twenty-eighth street, the point of beginning. All the territory within these boundaries constituted the new parish of Sacred Heart. Rev. Lawrence Serda, who was then assistant pastor at St. Mary's church, Oakland, was appointed rector of this new parish. The first mass in the parish was celebrated by Rev. Michael King, rector of St. Mary's church, in the home of Hon. Zach Montgomery, at the northwest corner of Telegraph avenue and Forty-first street, January 16, 1876, and for nearly a year mass was celebrated every Sunday and holy day in the Montgomery home. A month after Father Serda's arrival, a school was built and completely equipped by Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery on the west side of Grove street, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, but remained under the direct supervision of Father Serda. Through the



earnest efforts of Father Serda and Patrick Swords, funds were raised for the building of a church, and December 17, 1876, this church, a neat frame building, was dedicated by Archbishop Alemany. It was located on the north side of Fortieth street on a lot, one hundred and twenty-one by two hundred and twenty feet, donated to the parish by Mrs. Margaret P. McCourtney, Mrs. Ellen Montgomery and Hon. Zach Montgomery. On December 9, 1878, Father Serda moved into the new rectory which had been erected through funds raised at a fair. In 1880 Father Serda solicited funds and built a two-story school building, with classrooms on the first floor and an entertainment hall on the second, the building being blessed by Archbishop Alemany on June 27, 1880. This was a girls' school and was so successful that Father Serda in a few years laid plans for a boys' school, as a site for which he donated a piece of property that he personally owned, and this schoolhouse was dedicated by Archbishop Riordan, June 20, 1886. In 1889 the church was enlarged, new altars erected, sacristies built and many other improvements made. In 1897 the parish met with a severe loss in the destruction by fire of the church, the rectory and the girls' school. Plans were immediately made for the erection of a temporary church and mass was celebrated in it early in December. In the summer of 1898 a new school for girls was completed, which has since been considerably enlarged and remodeled and is now used as the parish rectory. In October, 1901, Father Serda called a meeting of a number of business men of the parish to consider the erection of a new church, and, after due consideration of various plans, it was decided to build a stone church, the cornerstone of which was laid by Archbishop Riordan on December 15, 1901, and on December 4, 1902, the building was dedicated by him. This is a beautiful structure, simple but impressive in design, and has served the parish well to the present time. In June, 1917, after forty-one years of zealous and untiring service in Sacred Heart parish, Father Serda tendered his resignation, because of advanced age and rapidly failing health, and on July 1, 1917, the Archbishop appointed Rev. Robert Sampson as pastor in his place.

Rev. Robert Sampson was born in Galbally, county Limerick, Ireland, and was educated and ordained at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, Ireland, after which he came to the United States. For many years he served successively as assistant pastor at Holy Cross church, San Francisco, and St. Patrick's church, West Oakland. In December, 1909, he was chosen by the Archbishop for the arduous task of establishing the new parish of St. Ambrose in the sparsely populated district of West Berkeley, where his untiring efforts met with unqualified success and in one year he had built there a splendid church and rectory. From St. Ambrose he went as pastor to St. Louis Bertrand's, Elmhurst, and there again distinguished himself as an indefatigable worker. During the few years that he spent there, he enriched the parish with a modern and well equipped hall. Great as was the grief of the parishioners of Sacred Heart on the retirement of their beloved pastor, Father Serda, they felt that they had secured in Father Sampson one well fitted to carry on the noble traditions of their parish, and their homes were not misplaced, as is attested by the wonderful work he has accomplished since coming here. On his appointment Father Sampson remodeled and enlarged the parish rectory, thus giving more suitable accommodations to the priests of the parish. During the summer of 1919 he added four large classrooms and a cafeteria to the school building

erected in 1910, and at the same time installed a modern heating plant in the church and school. Later in the same year he made many improvements in the church and hall and built a large annex to the Sisters' home. In October, 1921, Father Sampson constructed a boys' sacristy at the rear of the church and in order to maintain uniformity with the main building he secured the same kind of stone as that used in the church. His zeal and devotion to the work of the parish has endeared him to the hearts of his people, who give to him the most loyal and whole-hearted support, and Sacred Heart parish is in a prosperous and healthy condition in all of its departments. Father Sampson is an eloquent and effective preacher, always has large congregations, and is regarded as an important factor in the spiritual and moral life of this section of the city, commanding the sincere respect of all who know him.

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### MANUEL OLIVEIRA

One of the old residents of Centerville, whose useful and industrious life has gained for him a high place in public esteem, is Manuel Oliveira, who is a successful orchardist, while his citizenship has been of a type that has benefited his community. Mr. Oliveira was born in Centerville, September 3, 1875, and is a son of Antone and Marie (Lewis) Oliveira, who were natives of the Azores islands and were married in Boston, Massachusetts. The father left his native land in young manhood, landing at Boston, Massachusetts, and thence proceeded by train to California. Locating at Centerville, he was employed for a short time as a farm hand, then bought a small tract of land, to which he added by later purchase until he had sixteen acres, which he planted to apricots and cherries, developing a valuable place, to which he devoted his attention until his death, in 1926, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a democrat in his political views and was interested in the affairs of his community, contributing to its improvement and progress.

Manual Oliveira was educated in the public schools of Centerville, after which he was engaged in the nursery business for twenty years, during the last seven years as a foreman. In the meantime he bought land and is now the owner of fifty-six acres, of which sixteen acres are in cherries and apricots, and all of the land is well improved, comprising one of the good farms of this locality. Mr. Oliveira also buys and dries fruit for Rosenberg Brothers & Company, with which firm he has been associated for twenty-eight years, being its agent in Washington township. He also acts as fruit buyer for the F. E. Booth Canning Company of Centerville.

On September 25, 1898, Mr. Oliveira was united in marriage to Miss Rita Furtado, who was born and reared in Centerville and is a daughter of Joaquin and Rita Furtado. Her parents were born in the Azores islands and came to this country in early life, though at different dates, their marriage occurring in Centerville. Here Mr. Furtado engaged in farming, but is now retired, at the age of seventy-six years. The mother died here. Mr. and Mrs. Oliveira have ten children, Matilda, Carrie, Erma, Rachael, Marie, Emily, Otilia, Agnes, Clareman and Vincent. The family live in a beautiful home on Main street, in Centerville, where the spirit of good cheer and true hospitality is always in evidence. Mr. Oliveira is a democrat and has long been active in local public affairs, having served as constable

for a year and a half, while for sixteen years he has been a member of the school board, in which capacity he has rendered effective service to his community. He is a member of the Ancient United Order of Druids and the U. P. E. C. Because of his upright and consistent life, his sterling qualities and his genial disposition, he well deserves the high place which he holds in public esteem.

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### THE OAKLAND BANK

The Oakland Bank is the oldest bank in Alameda county and one of the oldest in the state. It was organized August 13, 1867, as The Oakland Bank of Savings, with a capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This was increased to three hundred thousand dollars in 1869 and to one million dollars in 1871.

In 1905 the stockholders organized the Bankers Trust Company with a capital of three hundred thousand dollars, and in 1910 this institution was merged with the parent bank, which established a trust department to care for this business. At that time the capital was increased to one million, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In 1915 The Oakland Bank of Savings absorbed the Berkeley National Bank and the University Savings Bank, which they continued as a Berkeley branch and again increased the capital to one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The rapid growth of deposits made it necessary to increase the capital stock to one million five hundred thousand dollars in 1920 and in December, 1927, five thousand additional shares of stock were issued, making the paid up capital two million dollars. In 1915 they also established a branch in West Oakland, and in 1917 another in East Oakland through the absorption of the Twenty-Third Avenue Bank.

Having decided upon a policy of confining their operations exclusively to Oakland, they sold their Berkeley interests in 1922, and now maintain eleven branches, all located at strategic points in this city. Of these branches The Oakland Bank owns the sites of seven, on which they have erected their own buildings.

During the early part of its career The Oakland Bank of Savings was primarily a savings bank, but with the growth of Oakland as a commercial city and the consequent development of the bank's commercial business this name became misleading and in 1923 it was deemed advisable to change the name to The Oakland Bank.

This bank began business in a small brick building at Ninth and Broadway, but ten years later, in 1877, removed to its present location at Twelfth and Broadway. Since then the rapid increase of its business has several times necessitated the enlargement of its quarters, finally resulting in its present magnificent structure, a modern seventeen-story bank and office building, covering a lot one hundred by one hundred and fifty feet. It occupies the entire ground floor as well as the second and third floors.

The bank's deposits show a steady and consistent increase from year to year since its organization. They passed the million dollar mark in 1875, two million dollars in 1887, five million dollars in 1892, ten million dollars in 1904, twenty million dollars in 1912 and thirty million dollars in 1917. During the past decade

they have more than doubled, being now over sixty million dollars. In addition to having paid regular dividends of twelve per cent on its capital stock, this bank has built up a reserve fund of nearly double its capital, the last statement showing capital of two million dollars, surplus of three million one hundred thousand dollars and undivided profits amounting to eight hundred and ten thousand dollars. The total assets are sixty-seven million, nine hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars.

All of the directors and chief officers of The Oakland Bank have been identified with the institution for many years. W. W. Garthwaite has been with the bank almost since its organization and has been president and general manager for the past twenty-five years. All of the vice presidents have served the bank in various capacities for a quarter of a century or more. The present officers and directors are: W. W. Garthwaite, president; J. Y. Eccleston, A. Borland, A. W. Moore, J. A. Thomson and A. E. Caldwell, vice presidents; J. W. Garthwaite, vice president and trust officer; and H. J. Harding, vice president and credit manager. The directors are A. Borland, Arthur H. Breed, H. C. Capwell, W. B. Dunning, J. Y. Eccleston, W. W. Garthwaite, James K. Moffitt, A. W. Moore, A. G. Tasheira and P. J. Walker.

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On July 27, 1903, Miss Claypole became the wife of Dr. R. O. Moody, professor of anatomy in the medical school of the University of California, who was born in Buffalo, New York, October 18, 1864, and is a son of Lucius W. and Mary (Blair) Moody, late of New Haven, Connecticut. The father was born at Springfield, Massachusetts. His mother was born near Binghamton, New York, and was the first woman graduate in medicine at Buffalo. Dr. Moody attended



Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and later matriculated in the medical school of Yale University, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He engaged in the practice of his profession at New Haven, Connecticut, but subsequently came to California on account of his health. Here he became a teacher of anatomy in the University of California, and accompanied the medical school on its removal from San Francisco to Berkeley in 1906, since which time he has held a professorship in anatomy.

Mrs. Moody has long been identified with the civic affairs of Berkeley, beginning with her election to the board of education in 1912. In 1923 she was elected a member of the city council, and was reelected in 1927 for a four-year term, her record in that body being marked by a consistent support and advocacy of measures for the betterment of the city along all lines of development. In her view, Berkeley is essentially a home city for families with children to educate and therefore every effort should be made to give the students the proper environment and influence during their college days. She is a staunch supporter of the eighteenth and nineteenth amendments. She has been connected with a number of important women's organizations, notably the Women's Council of Defense during the World war; the Berkeley League of Women Voters, of which she has been a member since its organization; the American University Women, with which she is affiliated through the College Women's Club of Berkeley, and the Town and Gown Club. Her religious membership is with the Berkeley Congregational church. She is making science her life work and has been particularly interested in the interpretation of science for the people. She is a woman of kindly and tactful manner, cordial and friendly in her social relations, and because of her attainments and helpful service she commands the respect and esteem of all who know her.

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### HENRY CHARLES STENZEL

The late Henry Charles Stenzel, whose death occurred February 10, 1913, was a member of one of Alameda county's honored pioneer families and by his able and successful efforts he contributed to the progress and development of his section of the county. He was a man of sound and reliable judgment in practical matters, who abundantly prospered in his material affairs and stood among the solid and substantial citizens of his community. Mr. Stenzel was born on the Charles August Stenzel ranch, near San Lorenzo, Alameda county, September 23, 1866, and was a son of Carl and Emelia (Melchert) Stenzel. His father was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1823, and after attaining manhood went to Australia in quest of gold. While there he heard of the discovery of gold in California and soon set sail for this country, arriving in 1849. For about a year he devoted his energies to mining in the mother lode country, and then turned his attention to farming, for which he had a natural inclination. He spent some time in various parts of the state, and eventually decided that Alameda county presented the greatest opportunities, buying eighty acres of land near San Leandro in 1856. To the cultivation and improvement of this place he gave his close attention, meeting with pronounced success, and gained recognition as one of the best citizens of his locality. He was married





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in San Francisco to Miss Emelia Melchert, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Fritz, who died in 1923, at the age of fifty-nine years; Henry, of this memoir; and Charles, who died in 1906.

Henry Stenzel was reared on the home farm and secured a good public school education. He always gave his attention to farming, assisting his father until the latter's death, after which he and his brother Fritz carried on their agricultural operations together, working in perfect harmony and cooperation. As they prospered they bought more land, so that at the time of Henry Stenzel's death they were the owners of one thousand acres of as fine and well improved land as could be found in this section of the state. At that time land was divided equally as to value and Henry's share has since been incorporated by the family as the Stenzel Estates, Inc. His death occurred at the Merritt hospital at Oakland, as the result of an operation for appendicitis, and was greatly regretted throughout the community, for he possessed to a marked degree those characteristics which make for esteem and friendship. He was a good business man, a loyal and public-spirited citizen and a reliable and considerate neighbor and friend.

On September 1, 1901, in Oakland, Mr. Stenzel was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Kuerzel, and to them were born two children. Henry A., who is one of the two principal stockholders in the Stenzel Estates, Inc., married Miss Beatrice May Heininger, of Ogden, Utah, and lives near Mount Eden, Alameda county. Edna Henrietta, who graduated from the Fremont high school, in Oakland, and the "A to Z" Junior College, in that city, is the second principal stockholder in the Stenzel Estates and lives at home with her mother. Mrs. Stenzel is a daughter of the late Robert and Margaret (Siler) Kuerzel, pioneers of Oakland, who were among the first generation of brides and grooms of that city. Robert Kuerzel was long remembered for his high social standing and his benevolence. He prospered as a pioneer cigar manufacturer in Oakland, where he settled in 1848. Soon afterward he heard of John Marshall's gold discovery on the American river. Though he became well-to-do, his prosperity made no difference in his attitude toward those less fortunate than he and many owed their start on the road to wealth to his financial help and sound advice. Mr. Kuerzel was an athlete and served as an instructor in the first gymnasium in Oakland, and also started Oakland's first dancing academy, which was located in the old Germania hall, at Seventh and Webster streets. He was a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and his wife was born at Janner, Saxony, both coming to this country in early life. Mr. Kuerzel died in Oakland, when past seventy years of age, and his wife died at the age of fifty-four years. They became the parents of seven children: Otto C., who is with the Sierra Sales Company in San Francisco; Mrs. Hattie Stenzel; Gretchen, who is the wife of V. O. Post, of Piedmont, California; Albert, who enlisted for service in the World war and died at Charleston, South Carolina, just one week before the signing of the Armistice; Robert, Eddie and Gus, all deceased.

Mrs. Stenzel is still keeping up the home on the Stenzel farm, where was built the beautiful and commodious residence during Henry Stenzel's lifetime. It is characterized by a spirit of hospitality and welcome that has long made it a favorite resort of the many friends of the family, and Mrs. Stenzel's benevolence and kindness has won for her the sincere respect and esteem of all who know her.

The Stenzel Estates Company was incorporated November 23, 1926, under the laws of California, with a capitalization of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is a closed corporation, the two children of Henry Stenzel being the principal stockholders. The officers are, V. O. Post, president; A. G. Kazbeer, secretary and treasurer; Otto Kuerzel, Henry A. Stenzel and Edna H. Stenzel, directors. They have leased their land, which consists of two hundred and ninety acres, is devoted to raising rhubarb, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, corn and pears. Mrs. Stenzel is a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, while her daughter is third vice president of Elcesero Parlor, No. 207, N. S. G. W., and is in the line of promotion. She is a young lady of attractive personality and rare accomplishments and is extremely popular in social circles.

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### JOSEPH DAVID NORRIS

Joseph David Norris is one of the most favorably known residents of Centerville, where he has always lived—a period of seven decades, his upright life and consistent record winning for him a warm place in the hearts of all who know him. Mr. Norris was born in Centerville, November 3, 1858, a son of Garrett and Johannah (Connor) Norris, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Ireland. In early youth the father left New York with his parents, who settled near Trucksville, in the Wyoming valley of Pennsylvania, where the father took up farming, and there his parents died. Later Garrett Norris came to California, by way of the isthmus route, landing at San Francisco, where he lived until 1854, when he came to Centerville. For awhile he worked for Mr. Blacow, who was engaged in farming and stock raising, but after a few years began farming on his own account, buying eighty acres of land, to which he later added eighty more. He developed this into a good farm, which he cultivated during his remaining years, his death occurring in 1877, at the age of fifty years. His wife passed away in 1865, and in 1871 Garrett Norris married Miss Margaret McGuire, who survived him until 1925. Mr. Norris was a republican in politics and served as a member of the board of school trustees. By his first marriage he became the father of five children, Joseph D., Harriet and Emma, twins, Miranda and J. Monroe, and to the second union were born three children, Mary, David and Garrett.

Joseph D. Norris received his educational training in the public schools of Centerville, and at the age of eighteen took charge of the home ranch, his father having died. He has followed agricultural pursuits continuously to the present time, though of late years he has largely turned the active management of the place over to his son, Walter G. He has been an active, industrious and successful farmer and has long been regarded as one of his community's best citizens, possessing to a marked degree those qualities which commend him to his fellowmen.

In 1897 Mr. Norris was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Smith, who was born in St. Johns, New Brunswick, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Lawton) Smith, who brought their family to Centerville in an early day. Here Mr. Smith followed blacksmithing for many years, but is now retired. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have four children, Joseph, Allen G., Walter and Marcella.

Allen, who received his education in the schools of Centerville and Berkeley is now serving as justice of the peace and stands among the substantial and influential citizens of this locality. Mr. Norris is a staunch republican and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Native Sons of the Golden West and the U. P. E. C. He tells many interesting things regarding the early events here. When he came here San Francisco was the nearest market place. Boats docked at Mayhew Landing and later Jarvis Landing and then Larkin's Landing were established. The land was unfenced and cattle roamed at large for many years. Stages were run from Oakland and San Jose and to the docks, but with the advent of railroads the country began to improve and thereafter developed rapidly, until today this is one of the choicest sections of Alameda county. Mr. Norris has always maintained his farm at a high standard of excellence and has erected a splendid set of farm buildings, making it one of the best and most desirable farms in this locality. Because of his sterling qualities of character, his kindly and generous disposition and his friendly manner, he has a host of warm and loyal friends and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### ST. JOSEPH'S PORTUGUESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Oakland has been fortunate in the number and character of its religious organizations, which have been an incalculable force in fostering and maintaining the spiritual life of the people. Of these, none has done more effectual work than has St. Joseph's Portuguese Roman Catholic church, located at 1102 Seventh street, of which Rev. Joseph Galli is pastor and Rev. Henry J. Ferriera, assistant pastor. This society, which was established more than forty years ago, is the outcome of an earnest desire on the part of the Portuguese Catholics of the community to have religious worship and services in their own language. Many Portuguese here had but slight acquaintance with the English language, a fact that caused some difficulty at confessional and in church services, and to meet this condition a Portuguese church was established in St. Mary's parish, in the hall of that name at the corner of Seventh and Grove streets. Rev. Father Fernandes, of San Miguel, Azores Islands, was called to take charge of the little flock in Oakland, and under his untiring efforts the new congregation grew to goodly proportions. Soon after coming here he started to secure funds with which to build a church, with the result that in February, 1892, Archbishop P. W. Riordan dedicated the splendid edifice which had just been completed. T. R. Bassett, of Oakland, was the contractor and builder, using plans designed by T. J. Welch, of San Francisco. The style of architecture is Gothic and the dimensions are as follows: width, fifty-two feet; length, one hundred and ten feet; sanctuary, twenty-five by twenty-five feet, with sacristies on each side, twelve by fifteen feet. The handsome Gothic arch spanning the chancel is forty feet high, the ceiling is forty-five feet, and the building is well lighted and ventilated, with a seating capacity of nearly six hundred. On the left of the spacious vestibule is an easy flight of stairs which leads to the gallery, which is sixteen feet deep, about the full width of the building, and affords ample room for the choir. In the center of the front is a handsome rose window, glazed with cathedral glass. Above this and forming a front gable is a neat Gothic railing and

back from this railing and in the center of the main roof rises the bell tower, with a height of forty feet, surmounted with a gilt cross. The exterior presents a neat and well proportioned building. The interior finish is in a natural wood, with the exception of the main and side altars, which are executed in white. The principal altar is specially designed for the reception of statuary, and the interior walls of the church are tastefully frescoed. The history of St. Joseph's church is a record of continuous advancement in size and influence and it has been a center about which have rallied the best Portuguese influences and life of the city, and from which has radiated a spirit of uplift and betterment in individual and community life.

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REV. E. J. NOLAN

The splendid results accomplished by Rev. E. J. Nolan during his pastorate at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church in Oakland have earned him a well deserved reputation for ability and loyalty, and he stands among the successful and popular ministers of this city. Father Nolan is a native son of the city and here received his early education in the parochial schools and St. Mary's College. He then entered St. Sulpice College, in Paris, France, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood. On his return to California he became assistant pastor of St. Mary's church in Oakland, and was later appointed pastor of St. Paul's church at San Pablo, Contra Costa county, where he served until 1912, when he became pastor of St. Bernard's church, of which he has had charge to the present time.

St. Bernard's was formerly a mission. The first mass was celebrated Sunday, October 4, 1908, when the Rev. James Kiely was appointed pastor of the newly formed parish of St. Louis Bertram, with which Melrose was included. The church was dedicated by Archbishop Riordan, June 13, 1909, and since that date mass has been said regularly in this fast growing section of the east bay. At the ceremony of the dedication the archbishop was assisted by his secretary at the time, the Rt. Rev. John Cantwell, D. D., present bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, and by many other priests of note.

With the growth of the parish a new church was needed. When Rev. E. J. Nolan was transferred from San Pablo he formed plans for a church and rectory that would be in keeping with his parish. The result of his efforts is seen in the present parish property, located on Sixty-second avenue, which forms one of the most attractive parishes in California. The church was designed along the lines of the mission type of architecture, being an exact replica of the old mission church at Carmelo. The interior decorations were carried out in old ivory and gold, with Sienna marble columns and marble wainscoting. The stained glass windows picture the life of Christ. The church has a mission roof and Cuban tiles form the floor. It was dedicated by Archbishop Hanna, Sunday, September 16, 1916, and was erected under the supervision of Father Nolan.

When Father Nolan came here the parish numbered about two hundred families, but has enjoyed a steady growth and there are now four hundred families in the congregation. An able and forceful preacher, a faithful and efficient pastor and a

friend to all men, Father Nolan has exerted a beneficent influence in the community in which he has labored, and he well merits the confidence and respect which are accorded him.

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### MANUEL GREGORY RIGGS

For the past eighteen years the fire protection of Hayward has been under the supervision of Manuel G. Riggs, whose capability and efficiency are appreciated by the people of the community, who hold him in high regard for his faithfulness. Mr. Riggs has spent his life in Hayward, having been born here on the 24th of December, 1877, and is a son of John and Laura (De Mello) Riggs, both of whom were natives of the Azores. His father left the islands in boyhood, going to sea on a whaling ship, which later docked at San Francisco. Mr. Riggs left the ship at that time and, going to Yreka, California, engaged in mining. In 1872 he located at Centerville, where for about three years he devoted his attention to farming, and in 1875 came to Hayward. He worked on the H. H. Meek ranch until 1908, when he went to work for the Hunt Brothers Packing Company, being employed with that concern to the time of his death, which occurred in 1924, at the age of eighty-nine years. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the U. P. E. C. His wife went to San Francisco in girlhood and became a dressmaker, being thus employed to the time of her marriage.

Manuel G. Riggs received the advantage of a good public school education and then went to work for P. H. Hoare, who was engaged in the hay and grain business, remaining with that gentleman until 1896, when he entered the employ of the Hunt Brothers Packing Company. He was with that concern for twenty-nine years, during which period he had charge of the can department. He then went to work for Carl Sorenson, the contractor, with whom he remained until May, 1927, when he became building and sanitary inspector of Hayward, in which capacity he is still serving. Mr. Riggs has for many years given his attention to the fire department of Hayward and as early as 1908 began raising funds with which to secure better fire fighting equipment by giving parties and other entertainments. In 1910 he was appointed chief of the fire department and in 1912 was made fire marshal, performing the duties of these positions in addition to his regular employment. In 1910 he secured the purchase of extra hose for the department, and in 1912 he circulated a petition requesting the town trustees to issue bonds for the erection of a fire station and the installation of a fire alarm system, to include sixteen boxes. The proposition was carried by a vote of seven to one and in 1913 the building was erected. In 1915 Mr. Riggs recommended the purchase of gas-driven equipment, which was provided, and in 1917 the members of the department bought the second piece of apparatus through their own earnings. In 1923 the city bought a modern, motor pumping equipment, so that today Hayward is provided with ample facilities for fighting fires. The members of the fire department have done more than their share in equipping the department, having bought the fire station furniture, laid a fine maple floor in the building and bought their own uniforms. Altogether they have raised seven thousand dollars by giving dances, field days, athletic meets and other public affairs, and at this time

have about three thousand, six hundred dollars to their credit in the bank. Mr. Riggs has taken the lead in all of these activities and has proven the right man for the place. Among the older members of the department may be mentioned A. J. La Cunha, who has been assistant chief since 1910. William B. Heyer who has been a member since 1894, Joe Godell, who has belonged since 1896, and Frank Pereria, Joseph Riggs, John Dobbell, Louis Silva, John Riggs, Edward Mendoncia, Frank Marshall, Albert Breits and John Machado, John Carr, Tony August, and George W. Luce. The city is proud of these men, who have given such loyal and efficient service as firemen, and the department has an enviable reputation through this part of the state for its success in holding the fire loss of this city to a comparatively low figure.

Mr. Riggs is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Companions of the Forest, Foresters of America, Woodmen of the World, International Fire Chiefs Association and the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs Association, and is a deputy state fire marshal. As building and sanitary inspector, he has shown helpful interest in the welfare of the city and has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties. He is a man of earnest purpose and progressive ideas, is proud of the city in which he has spent his life and zealous in his efforts to promote its improvement. By reason of these qualities, as well as for his splendid personal traits, he commands to a marked degree the respect and good will of all who know him.

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### FERDINAND C. STOLTE

As a builder of fine homes no contractor in Oakland takes precedence over Ferdinand C. Stolte, whose operations have been large in volume and of a character that has gained him an enviable reputation as a reliable and capable builder and business man. Mr. Stolte was born in Portland, Oregon, October 24, 1889, and when a year old was brought to Oakland by his parents. He secured his education in the public schools of this city and then learned the carpenter trade under Ben O. Johnson, with whom he remained for a few years and then embarked in the contracting business on his own account, going to Dixon, where he spent three years, during which period he built a number of good residences. Since that time he has confined his operations to the East Bay district, in which he has erected many of the best homes now standing here, and in Berkeley and Piedmont, ranging in cost from thirty thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. These include the residences of H. R. Jackson, Mrs. Hills, Fritz Henshaw and Henry Patterson, together with a number of the leading apartment houses, and he recently completed a three story garage for Lloyd Brothers, one of the best in Oakland. He is painstaking in the fulfillment of his contracts, employs none but expert workmen and the work done by him has been uniformly satisfactory to those who have employed him.

Mr. Stolte was united in marriage to Miss Moran, of Crow's Landing, California, and they are the parents of a daughter, Carol. Mr. Stolte enlisted for service in the World war and was assigned to engineering construction work in the



state of Washington, where he remained until the close of the war. He is a member of the American Legion, the Castlewood Country Club, Sequoia Club and the Athens Club and is deservedly popular among his associates, while throughout the city in which he lives he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### J. ALLISON BRUNER

J. Allison Bruner is an able lawyer of San Leandro, whose long and honorable career has gained for him high professional standing and the confidence and respect of his fellowmen. Mr. Bruner was born in Sacramento county, California, the son of Rev. J. A. and Margaret (Morris) Bruner. He is descended from a family of preachers, lawyers and jurists. His father, who was a native of Virginia and came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1856, was a Methodist Episcopal minister, who helped to organize a number of churches of that denomination in California and during his active years did much effective work as preacher and pastor. He retired from the ministry after completing fifty years of active service. In Ohio he married Miss Margaret Morris, a daughter of Judge Presley Morris, and they became the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters. Of the five sons, four became lawyers, one of them being P. M. Bruner, who is now, at the age of seventy-six, still practicing his profession in Oakland, this state.

J. Allison Bruner obtained a good public school education after which he entered the University of the Pacific at San Jose, an educational institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From there he went to Sacramento serving as shipping clerk in a wholesale grocery house for three years and then spent six years in the mines of central Idaho. During the last year of his stay there, he was elected to the legislature of Idaho, then a territory. Mr. Bruner introduced a bill to obtain statehood for Idaho which passed the lower house but was defeated in the upper house in retaliation for his stand in opposing certain county division measures. The bill was passed at the following session and Idaho admitted to the Union. Mr. Bruner next went to San Francisco, where he obtained a position as head bookkeeper for a large mercantile concern. While performing the duties of this position he devoted his spare time and evenings to general study and also read law in the office of his brother, Elwood Bruner, in that city. In May, 1894, Mr. Bruner successfully passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice, after which he became associated with his brother Elwood, in San Francisco, where he remained three years, when they moved to Sacramento, where they were associated from 1897 to 1904. In 1905 they went to Nome, Alaska, where J. A. Bruner was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until 1914, when he went to Seward, Alaska, where he remained about one year. Among the pleasant recollections of his life in the far north is an incident which occurred in June, 1906, at which time the noted Arctic explorer, Capt. Roald Amundsen, put into Nome in his little yacht, the "Gjoa," which now lies in Golden Gate park, San Francisco. Captain Amundsen had just accomplished the Northwest passage, which had been unsuccessfully attempted by other navigators for four hundred years, and the

people of Nome celebrated the notable achievement in a fitting manner. It fell to the lot of Elwood and J. Allison Bruner to act as hosts at a great dinner in commemoration of the event, and in his book describing his Arctic experiences Captain Amundsen referred to this celebration, stating that it was the greatest reception ever tendered him. In 1916 Mr. Bruner returned to California, opening offices in the Best building in San Leandro and has since been actively engaged in the practice of law. He practices in all of the state courts and in 1904 was admitted to practice in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

In February, 1889, in San Leandro, Mr. Bruner was united in marriage to Miss Louise P. Watkins, who was born and reared in this city, and they are the parents of two children: A. W., who is a law graduate of the University of California and is now associated in practice with his father at San Leandro, and Carolyn, who also is a graduate of the University of California, and is now the wife of R. M. Farnsworth, a farmer near Grimes, Colusa county, California. They have one child, R. M., Jr.

In his political views, Mr. Bruner is a staunch republican, deeply interested in public affairs, particularly such as relate to the welfare of his own community. He is a gentleman of straightforward manner, kindly and cordial in his social relations, and enjoys marked popularity among his fellowmen, who recognize in him not only an able and dependable lawyer, but a man whose high character makes him well worthy the confidence and esteem in which he is held.

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#### STENZEL FARMS, INC.

One of the best known and most valuable agricultural properties in California is the Stenzel farm, located about two miles west of San Lorenzo, Alameda county, and now incorporated and operated under the name of Stenzel Farms, Inc., with a capitalization of three hundred thousand dollars. This place of six hundred and one acres, owned by Mrs. Mercedes M. Stenzel and her five children, is one of the most productive tracts in the state, and had its nucleus in a purchase of eighty acres of the land in 1856 by Carl Stenzel. Mr. Stenzel, who was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1823, went to Australia in quest of gold, and while prospecting there heard of the discovery of gold in California. He immediately set sail for this country, arriving in 1849, and for about a year prospected and mined. However, his natural taste was for farming and he started to look around for a favorable location for permanent residence. Arriving in San Lorenzo in 1856, he bought eighty acres of land, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his attention with marked success. In San Francisco he married Miss Emelia Melchert, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and they became the parents of three children, Fritz, Henry and Charles, the last-named dying in 1906. Fritz Stenzel devoted his life to farming and, through his persistent industry and excellent management, added to his holdings until, at the time of his brother Henry's death they were the owners of one thousand acres of land, which was then divided equally as to value. Mr. Stenzel was married to Miss Mary Mercedes Moreria and they became the parents of five children, Henry Charles, Fritz Robert, Rudolph John,



FRITZ STENZEL



Amelia Rose and Mabel Marie. Mr. Stenzel's death occurred in 1923, at the age of fifty-nine years. Henry Stenzel, who died in 1913, was married to Miss Hattie Kuerzel, of Oakland, California, and they became the parents of two children, Henry A. and Edna H., who are living on their share of the estate. The grandmother, Emelia Stenzel, died in 1901, at the age of sixty-five years, and left three tracts of land, aggregating four hundred acres.

The Stenzel Farms were incorporated under the laws of California in 1926 the officers being: Mrs. Mary Mercedes M. Stenzel, president; Henry Charles Stenzel, vice president; Fritz Robert Stenzel, secretary, and Rudolph John Stenzel, treasurer. The land has become too valuable for grain farming and stock raising and dairying, and is now devoted to the raising of tomatoes, potatoes, rhubarb, cucumbers for pickles and red currants, for the production of which the soil is particularly well adapted and this farm is now the largest producer of red currants in the state of California, the currants being shipped to San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles, where they find ready sale, for they are sent fresh to the consumer. Mrs. Stenzel and her children, all of whom are unmarried and remain at home, give their close attention to the operation of the farm, in which they are meeting with very satisfactory success. They have built a splendid home, one of the most attractive in the county, is provided with every modern convenience, so that they lack none of the accommodations of a city home. All of the children received high school and college educations and their home is characterized by an atmosphere of refinement, culture and hospitality that makes it an attractive rendezvous for their many friends. Amelia Rose Stenzel is now a student at Mills College and Mabel Marie is attending the University of California. The late Fritz Stenzel was a prominent member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he had attained the degrees of the chapter, and Mrs. Stenzel belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star at San Leandro. Fritz R. and Charles H. Stenzel are members of Eden Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., at San Leandro, and the members of the family are all republicans in their political faith. They have shown a live interest in the welfare of their community, giving their aid to every measure for the advancement of its material, civic and moral interests, and none are held in higher regard, for the record of the family since its foundation here has been one of industry, progressiveness and public spirit, through which they have in large measure contributed to the general prosperity of the community.

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### EDWARD ARNOLD GRAU

Edward A. Grau, owner of the Los Amigos (The Friends) vineyard, at Irvington, is regarded as an expert in the growing of wine grapes and has met with well merited success. Born in Switzerland on the 15th of May, 1858, he was there reared on a farm and received a good education, supplementing his public school training by a course in civil engineering at a polytechnic school in Zurich. He started his business career in connection with a hotel, of which his father was the owner, and he served the regulation period in the Swiss army. Going to London, England, he was employed as bookkeeper in the Charing Cross hotel until 1884,

when he came to California. After a short stay in San Francisco, he went to St. Helena, Napa county, where he secured a position as a winemaker with the Napa Valley Wine Company. Later he was transferred to that company's wine cellar, on King street, San Francisco, where he was employed until 1888, when he located in Mission San Jose, Alameda county, and, installing a wine cellar, began making wine, which he took to Switzerland, being the first man to export and sell American-made wine in Europe, disposing of it in Antwerp, Hamburg, Berne and London. Returning to Alameda county, he bought the Los Amigos vineyards, of ninety acres, in partnership with Ed Peter Werner, who died in 1913. Taking out the old vines, they planted a new vineyard, for which purpose Mr. Grau went to France in 1893 and secured a variety of French wine grape cuttings, such as were suitable for California soil and climate. This is now one of the best vineyards in the valley, and Mr. Grau has taken many prizes on his wines, winning all of the first premiums at the California-Panama exposition held in San Francisco in 1915, and also prizes at expositions and fairs in Europe. For many years he gave his attention to making fine wines, but now ships most of his wine grapes to the eastern markets, where they are in great demand.

Mr. Grau is a member of Alameda Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; also the York rite and Scottish rite bodies, and is a life member of Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of San Francisco. He has been closely devoted to his business interests but has always found time to do his share in promoting the general welfare of the community in which he lives, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### JOHN VINCENT WEBSTER

John Vincent Webster, whose eyes were closed to earthly scenes in 1912, was one of the notable men of his day, possessing to a marked degree the mental qualities and traits of character which make men natural leaders and enable them to influence the life of their times. He led a busy and useful life, characterized by persistent industry and sound business judgment, and success in large measure rewarded his efforts. Mr. Webster was born in Tennessee, July 31, 1830, and secured his educational training in the public schools of that state. He took up horticulture as a vocation, which he followed there until 1852, when he joined a party of engineers and crossed the plains to California. For a few years he engaged in mining in this state and in 1860 settled in the Diamond section of Fruitvale, Alameda county, where he bought a tract of land. He was the first to plant and raise cherries in that part of the county, and also engaged in the nursery business, raising and selling fruit trees, thus giving an impetus to the fruit raising interests of the county. He acquired considerable land in this locality and lived here until 1880, when he sold his property and, going to San Luis Obispo county, bought a ranch of fourteen hundred acres, to the operation of which he devoted his attention until his death.

In 1865 Mr. Webster was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Howard, who was born in Ontario, Canada, a daughter of Judge Asa and Elizabeth (Hughes) Howard. She came to California in 1860 by way of the isthmus of Panama. To this union were born three children, William Howard, Nellie and Ernest C. Mr.

Webster took a deep interest in public affairs, keeping in close touch with the great economic questions of the day, on which he held well defined opinions, and in 1894 he was the candidate of the People's party for governor of California. He was greatly interested in the Grange movement and for four years was master of the National Grange. He also rendered to his community effective service as a member of the school board for a number of years. He was a Mason and his daily life conformed to the sublime precepts of that time-honored order. A public-spirited citizen, he was ready at all times to use his means and influence for the promotion of such measures as were conducive to the comfort and happiness of his fellow-men and probably no other man in this section of the state was held in higher esteem. He was distinguished for his honesty, firmness of character and consistent conduct, and as a friend and neighbor he combined the qualities of head and heart that won confidence and commanded respect.

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### FRED A. JONES

Despite the fact that he is one of the comparatively recent additions to the legal circles of San Leandro, Fred A. Jones has evinced qualities which have gained for him recognition as a capable and reliable attorney and he is building up a large and representative clientele.

Mr. Jones was born in San Leandro on the 2nd of June, 1895, and is a son of Charles R. Jones and Jessie (Fremont) Jones, the former of whom is a representative of one of the old and well known families of this section of the state. The father was for twenty years a trusted employe of the Best Manufacturing Company in this city and from 1910 to 1915 was engaged in the grocery business here. In the latter year he moved to Oakland, where he also opened a grocery store and is still a resident and successful merchant of that city. Fred A. Jones is a brother to the late Harris P. Jones, who became a lawyer and practiced in San Leandro for a number of years, serving as its city attorney for about eight years. He then went to Peking, China, where he taught in the university of Peking until his death.

Fred A. Jones was reared in San Leandro and Oakland, in which cities he attended the public schools. For a time he assisted his father in the grocery business, but, having determined to devote his life to the practice of law, he applied himself to the study of Blackstone and Kent. For four years he attended the School of Law, Golden Gate College, from which he was graduated in May, 1924, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws, and in the following August he successfully passed the state bar examination and was admitted to practice. In that same month he was admitted to practice in the district court of the United States, for the northern district of California. In March, 1925, Mr. Jones established his present office in the American Bank building in San Leandro, where he is meeting with well merited success.

He takes great pride in his home community, where his family had been long established, and has shown a desire to contribute of his efforts and influence to its upbuilding and advancement. He is a firm believer in constructive progress and is regarded as one of the wide-awake and dependable professional men of San

Leandro. He is a republican in his political views; keeps well informed on the leading questions of the day, and is a man of definite and well grounded opinions. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the county and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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### RALPH S. HAWLEY

In a profession of peculiar significance in the west, owing to its bearing upon the development of the country, Ralph S. Hawley has steadily advanced, filling positions of trust and responsibility, having been for twenty years city engineer of Emeryville. A native of California, he was born January 11, 1877, in Hanford, Kings county, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the state. He completed a course in the Hanford high school and continued his studies in the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, qualifying for the work of an electrical and civil engineer. For four years he was connected with the United States geological survey and before the city of Los Angeles started the project for the development of the Owens river water system he was with the government engineers in the Owens river valley. For a year Mr. Hawley was identified with the municipal engineer's office in Oakland and since February, 1908, has been city engineer of Emeryville. His long retention in the office proves that his worth is appreciated and as superintendent of streets and building inspector he is also doing work of importance and value.

In 1903 Mr. Hawley married Miss Lizzie Duncan, a native of San Jose, California, and they have become the parents of two daughters, Ethel and Genevieve. Since its organization Mr. Hawley has been secretary of the Industries Association of Emeryville and for fourteen years has acted as clerk of the local school board. Studious, energetic and efficient, he has attained high standing in his profession, at the same time contributing in notable measure toward the upbuilding and progress of this section of the state, and is a citizen who would be a valuable acquisition to any community.

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### T. E. CALDECOTT

T. E. Caldecott, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest merchant in point of years of service in South Berkeley, owns and conducts one of the best drug stores in this section of the Bay district. He has been successful in his commercial affairs and moreover has gained a splendid reputation as a loyal and public-spirited citizen of his community. Mr. Caldecott was born in Chester, England, on the 27th of July, 1878, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Caldecott, the former a carpenter. Mr. Caldecott accompanied his parents on their emigration to America in 1880, the family settling in Toronto, Canada, where he was reared and attended the public schools, after which he entered the pharmacy department of Toronto University, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy. In 1902 he and his brother John paid a visit to San Fran-



cisco, California, and liked this section of the country so well that they decided to remain, his father and the other members of the family coming out at a later date. His parents passed away here, the father dying at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother when nearly eighty years of age.

T. E. Caldecott obtained a position in a drug store at Dwightway and Shattuck streets, Berkeley, now known as the Saylor drug store, and after working there a year, bought the store, which he conducted until 1906, when he sold it and came to his present location, at the corner of Ashby and Adeline streets, just two weeks before the great earthquake. His store is known as the Rexall drug store and commands a large and representative trade throughout this part of the city, for Mr. Caldecott's courteous, prompt and efficient service has gained for him many friends and the good will of the people of his city. He carries a full line of pure drugs and the standard proprietary remedies, as well as toilet articles and sundries, all of which are attractively displayed.

Mr. Caldecott is a director in the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. He was made a Master Mason in Durant Lodge in Berkeley, and is one of the charter members of East Bay Lodge, No. 489. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Lions Club, both of Berkeley, and is a member of the Alameda County Druggists Association. A member of the city council, having been twice elected, he has stood for every measure calculated to advance the best interests of the city in any way. He has proven a valuable citizen and wherever known he commands confidence and respect because of his excellent business record and his sterling character.

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### MRS. HARRIET AVERILL HAAS

One of the most highly regarded members of the Alameda county bar is Mrs. Harriet A. Haas, whose office is on the twelfth floor at 1615 Broadway, Oakland, this being the Federal Building. She has gained distinct recognition as a capable and successful lawyer, while her estimable personal qualities have won for her a large circle of loyal and admiring friends.

Mrs. Haas was born in Virginia City, Nevada, a daughter of Wales and Christine (McLaughlin) Averill, the latter of whom was born on Prince Edward island in 1840. The father, who was born in Highgate Springs, Vermont, in 1837, was descended from sterling old English stock, the progenitor of the family in this country having been William Averill, who located at Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1632. Among his descendants was Captain John Averill, who served in the war of the Revolution, as did also John Averill 2d. Mrs. Haas lived in Nevada until 1888, securing her early education in the public schools, and then moved to Iowa, where she was graduated from the Cedar Rapids high school. She attended the University of Michigan, and later entered the University of California, receiving her degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence. She had been a resident of California since 1900 and on completing her law course she commenced the practice of her profession, in which she is meeting with well merited success. Mrs. Haas as assistant manager is now associated with Lila R. Havens

in the sale and development of the properties owned by the state of Frank C. Havens, which is one of the largest and most beautifully located of any of the East Bay properties.

In 1897, in Carson, Nevada, Mrs. Haas was married and she is the mother of two children, Wales A. and Lesben Louis. Wales A., now a successful physician at Elko, Nevada, is a veteran of the World war, having served in the American expeditionary forces as a member of the medical corps during 1917-1919. He married Miss Pauline Leca.

Mrs. Haas is a republican in her political views and has shown a commendable interest in local public affairs, having served as a member of the Piedmont board of education continuously since 1916, and is now its secretary. Her religious faith is that of the Unitarian church and she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Delta Delta Delta sorority, in which she served as president of the building association from 1915 to 1924; the Kappa Beta Phi legal sorority, being the present dean of Iota Chapter; Boalt Hall of Law, of the University of California; the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Business and Professional Women's Club; the Women's Athletic Club; a member and director of Women's City Club; a member of the College Women's Club of Berkeley and the American Association of University Women. She is a woman of wide interests and has been active and influential in the various organizations with which she is connected. Well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, with a logical and analytical mind, she is thorough in her preparation of cases and in her discussions of the law is noted for clearness of statement and candor. She commands the sincere respect of her professional colleagues and the confidence and regard of all who have come in contact with her, while in the social circles in which she moves she is deservedly popular.

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#### W. R. OAKLEY

As a general contractor and builder of good homes, W. R. Oakley, of Oakland, has gained a well merited reputation throughout the Bay district, and his work stands in indisputable evidence of his thoroughness and painstaking care. Mr. Oakley was born in Ingham county, Michigan, September 13, 1866, and there he was educated in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he began to learn the carpenter's trade under his father, completing his apprenticeship three years later, and he continued to work there three years longer.

In 1886 Mr. Oakley first came west and worked at his trade in Montana and Idaho until 1893, when he returned to Michigan, remaining there seven years. It was in 1900 that he came to California and first located in Redding, Shasta county. Three years later he removed to San Francisco, where he engaged in the general contracting business, and was also employed as superintendent of construction on some of the largest buildings erected there during that period. In 1911 he came to Oakland, where he has remained to the present time and has been engaged in the building and contracting business continuously with the exception of one year during the World war when he was employed in the Mare Island navy yard.

Here he has specialized in the erection of fine residences, many of which he has built in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, while he has also constructed many fine homes in Thousand Oaks and Craigmont Park, besides numerous garages and apartment houses.

Mr. Oakley was united in marriage to Miss M. Ella Ives, of Stockbridge, and to them have been born four children: Ivan who was born in Michigan; and Harry, Robert and Iris, who are natives of California.

Mr. Oakley is a member of Standard Lodge No. 440, A. F. & A. M., of Oakland. He has in his business career exhibited a stability of purpose and strength of character which have impressed those with whom he has come in contact, and all who have had dealings with him are sincere in their praise of his excellent qualities and his genuine worth as man and citizen.

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### FRANK A. BERG

Among the enterprising and progressive funeral directors of Alameda county, none is better or more favorably known than Frank A. Berg, of 1936 University avenue, Berkeley, where he has one of the best equipped undertaking establishments in this section of the state. Mr. Berg was born at Salina, Saline county, Kansas, on the 28th of May, 1879, and is a son of William and Alice R. (Height) Berg, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. Mr. Berg there engaged in the sawmill and planingmill business until 1871, when he went to Salina, Kansas, where he also established a mill. Soon afterwards he became interested in the manufacture and sale of furniture and caskets and, as Salina was at that time on the western frontier of Kansas, his trade grew rapidly and extended over a large territory. Engaging in the undertaking business, he became the leader in that line in his section of the state and followed that profession until he retired from active business, and he and his wife are now living in Oakland, California. Mr. Berg is one of, if not the oldest undertaker living in the west.

Frank A. Berg was reared at Salina, secured his education in its public schools and early became connected with his father's undertaking business. Removing to Ottawa, Kansas, he there engaged in the same line of business on his own account, continuing therein until 1911, when he came to California. In 1913 he and his brother, Ed L. Berg, entered into partnership and engaged in the undertaking business at the corner of Grove street and Berkeley way, in Berkeley, being thus associated until 1915, when Frank A. bought his brother's interest in the business. The latter is now the publisher of the "Furniture Reporter," in San Francisco. In 1918 Frank A. Berg bought his present property on University avenue, which he extensively remodeled to meet his requirements, and in 1925, in order to keep abreast of the latest ideas in such establishments, he again made extensive alterations and improvements, so that he now has an ideal mortuary. He has a large and attractive two-story building, containing a reception room, embalming room, a stock

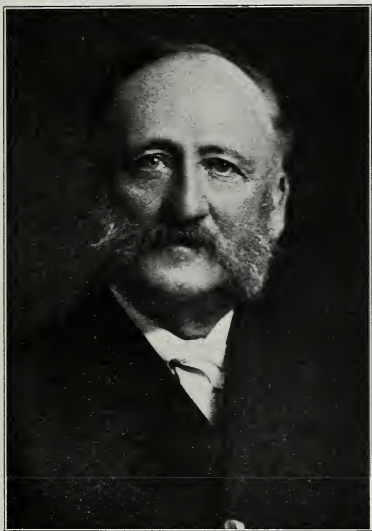
room and a neat chapel, seating two hundred people. He employs three lady attendants and has several motor hearses and ambulances. Every consideration is given to the comfort of those who require the services of this establishment and Mr. Berg is commanding his full share of the local business in his line.

While living in Ottawa, Kansas, Mr. Berg met and married Miss Golda Scott, who was born at Burlington, Kansas. He is a member of Campanile Lodge, No. 451, I. O. O. F., at Berkeley, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the United Ancient Order of Druids and the Woodmen of the World, and he and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a member and a past president of the Lions Club; belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a director for two years; is vice president of the Berkeley traffic commission; and has taken a keen interest in everything affecting the welfare and progress of his city. He is a staunch republican in his political views and in July, 1926, was appointed a member of the city council to fill a vacancy, while in the spring of 1927 he was elected to a full term in that body, in which he is proving an efficient and capable public official. He belongs to the State Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. In 1915 Mr. Berg was appointed a deputy county coroner, under Coroner Grant D. Miller, and by successive reappointments, has served continuously to the present time. Courteous and accommodating, kindly and affable in manner, he has won a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the city, and all who know him hold him in high regard for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### J. H. W. RILEY

J. H. W. Riley, who, after a long and interesting career, is now retired from active pursuits and is living in his comfortable home on Fruitvale avenue, Oakland, is distinguished by two important facts, namely, his exceptionally long period of service as a court reporter and his effective activities in connection with the development and improvement of Fruitvale, which is now one of the choice sections of Oakland. Mr. Riley was born in Dover, New Hampshire, on the 13th of March, 1844, and in boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Boston, Massachusetts. Subsequently he lived in New York city and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and secured a good education in the public schools. In 1865 he left New York on the clipper ship "David Crockett," which sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco, being one hundred and five days on the voyage. In 1852 his father had come to this state by way of the isthmus of Panama. Mr. Riley had the pleasure of voting for General U. S. Grant for president after his arrival in San Francisco. He first worked in a produce house, but that did not suit him, and he took up the study of stenography. He became an expert and was appointed to the position of court reporter, which work he followed for fifty-five years in the courts of San Francisco and Alameda county, seventeen years in the former and thirty-eight years in the latter, which is a record that has probably never been equalled in this state. He also served a number of times in the courts of Nevada. During this period the



J. H. W. RILEY



courts in which he worked were presided over by some of the ablest and most noted jurists of the west, many of whom are now dead, and he reported many famous cases, one of the most celebrated of which was the farmers and miners litigation. Mr. Riley received many large fees, particularly in the early days, some as high as ten thousand dollars. He rendered a high type of service, being held in high regard by all who were connected with the courts. In 1922 he retired, since which time he has enjoyed well earned leisure.

In 1891 Mr. Riley came to Fruitvale, bought land and built a home where the Woodmen of the World building now stands, the district at that time being a vast wheat field, but with a vision of future possibilities he took an active interest in its development, the splendid results of which became apparent in after years. He was the first vice president of the Citizens Bank of Fruitvale, which was later sold to the Bank of Italy. Thirty years ago he organized a sanitary district in Fruitvale, the first to be established in California, and built fifteen miles of sewers, which are still in use. The district was so successfully managed that the bonds were paid off two years before they were due. Mr. Riley was chiefly instrumental in the organization of a library and was made president of the board. He was one of the organizers of the lodges of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America and also had a large part in the organization of the Congregational church, the first services of which were held in a store building on East Fourteenth street, and was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. In these and other ways he has effectively advanced the various interests of the new community, a fact that has always been appreciated by the residents of that locality.

Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Bell Mitchell, who was born in New Jersey, and they are the parents of a son, John Spencer Riley, who is serving as court reporter in Alameda county. They also have one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Riley has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party and for twelve years served as a member of the county central committee of his party. A man of sterling character and splendid personality, he has always stood high in the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is numbered among the grand old men of Oakland, which is honored by his citizenship.

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#### ALBERT E. HILL

The sterling qualities of his pioneer forbears are manifest in the career of Albert E. Hill, who represents the third generation of the family in Oakland, where he is doing excellent work as public administrator. He was born November 21, 1892, in this city, to which his father, John A. Hill, came from Canada when a young man, here spending the remainder of his life. He became well known as a dealer in tea and coffee and conducted a large business. In 1919 he was elected public administrator and acted in that capacity until his death in 1922, thoroughly demonstrating his qualifications for the office. In Masonry he held the thirty-third degree and his father was one of the founders and a charter member of Oakland Lodge of that order. Louise Rerat, the wife of John A. Hill, was a native of Oakland, to which her father came during the time of the French Revolu-

tion, being one of the earliest settlers in this locality. Helen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hill, won the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California and is the wife of Everett F. Gray, of Oakland. The sons are Albert E. and Bruce E. Hill. The latter also received his higher education in the State University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Field Artillery, with which he went overseas, and is now engaged in ranching near Modesto, California.

Albert E. Hill attended the public schools of Oakland and during the World war served in the heavy artillery. In 1918 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science by the University of California and soon after his graduation was made a deputy under his father. At the time of the latter's death the son was appointed by the board of county supervisors to fill his place and on January 1, 1923, was the popular choice for the office of public administrator, to which he was reelected in November, 1926. He has proven a worthy successor of his father and a public servant whose integrity is above question.

In Yuba City, Sutter county, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Gottwals, who is a native of that city and also a member of one of the old families of California. Along fraternal lines Mr. Hill is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is also a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He is a member of the Oakland Exchange Club and the local post of the American Legion. His support is given to those measures which are destined to prove of benefit to his city and state, and that he is a young man of genuine worth is indicated by the high place which he holds in the community in which his life has been spent.

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### FRED A. CAMPBELL

Although a native of the east, Fred A. Campbell has spent practically all of his life in the Golden state and his career has been varied and picturesque. In the upbuilding of his business he has aided in making Oakland a more attractive and desirable place of residence and he is also active in civic affairs. He was born June 22, 1856, in New York state, of which his father, M. S. Campbell, was also a native, and in 1864 they started for California by way of the isthmus route. Entering the educational field, M. S. Campbell became a member of the faculty of the Oakland College School, now a part of the University of California, and was also engaged in business in the city. His wife, Mary (McCance) Campbell, was a native of Scotland and passed away in the Empire state.

When a boy of eight Fred A. Campbell became a pupil in the public schools of Oakland and his studies were completed in the Oakland College School. In the early days he was the first and only messenger boy in the city and afterward became connected with the fire department, with which he remained for six years. For some time he was a deputy under F. D. Hinds, county recorder, and during the Philippine insurrection he was a paymaster in the United States transport service. He worked under Oscar F. Long and was stationed at the Folsom street dock in San Francisco. Since 1899 Mr. Campbell has maintained a real estate and insurance office in Oakland and the years have chronicled a steady increase in his business, which



is now of large proportions. He is regarded as an expert valuator and many important realty deals have been consummated through his agency. In development projects he looks beyond the exigencies of the moment to the needs and possibilities of the future and has increased the value of property in the neighborhoods in which he has operated.

In 1888 Mr. Campbell married Miss Mary Hawlett, who was born in Iowa but has lived in Oakland from infancy. They are the parents of two daughters, Edna and Lillian, who reside in the family home at No. 1063 Walker avenue. Mr. Campbell is a member of the board of education and on July 1, 1927, entered upon his third term. His efforts have been exerted to the utmost in behalf of the local schools and his service has been strongly commended. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His has been a well spent life and public opinion testifies to his worth as a man and as a citizen.

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### CHARLES WESLEY KINSEY

For forty years Charles Wesley Kinsey was a leader of mercantile activity in Oakland, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the history of its growth and development, and is now reaping the rewards of a well spent life. A native of Ohio, he was born August 14, 1850, in Moorefield, Harrison county, and is of English lineage, his forbears being Quakers. Edmund Kinsey, the American progenitor of the family, made the voyage to the new world on the ship Kent. He settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and was the first justice under William Penn. Among his descendants was Charles Kinsey, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1796, and achieved prominence as one of the first manufacturers of men's felt hats. His wife, Rhoda (Boone) Kinsey, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1820, and was related to Daniel Boone, the noted pioneer. Mrs. Kinsey passed away in 1900 and had long survived her husband, who died in Flushing, Ohio, in March, 1884.

Their son, Charles W. Kinsey, attended the public schools of Moorefield until he reached the age of ten years, when the family moved to Flushing, and there he completed his education. When a young man he entered the employ of the Cleveland Chemical Company and remained with the firm for two years. He went from Cleveland to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and was made assistant manager of the business of the Beaver Falls Cutlery Company. In April, 1873, he located in Cadiz, Ohio and engaged in the dry goods trade under his own name. While there Charles W. Kinsey was married and in 1875 brought his wife to California. They arrived in San Francisco on the 7th of June, 1875, and established their home in Oakland on the following day. In 1876 he became a member of the firm of Lyon & Kinsey, auctioneers. As a member of the firm of Lyon & Kinsey, dealers in furniture, he opened the second store on Washington street and for ten years the business was continued at the corner of Ninth and Washington streets. On the expiration of that period the partnership was dissolved and in 1893 the C. W. Kinsey furniture store was opened at Broadway and Thirteenth street. In 1903 a

more desirable location was secured at the corner of Twelfth and Clay streets and there Mr. Kinsey remained in business until his retirement. As a pioneer furniture dealer he established a high standard of service, from which he never deviated, and his trade kept pace with the progress of the city. His store was a credit to Oakland and he made his name a synonym of enterprise and reliability.

Mr. Kinsey was married March 19, 1874, to Miss H. Isabel McFadden, who also traced her lineage to the colonial period in the history of this nation and was eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the first curator of California history and landmarks of the Ebell Club and one of its oldest and most valuable members. Mrs. Kinsey held every office in the club except that of president, which was repeatedly offered her, but failing health forced her to decline. Cultured, efficient and energetic, she was one of the best known clubwomen in Oakland and possessed those qualities which inspire strong and enduring regard. She was called to her final rest October 25, 1919, and left a family of three children: Francis, Elizabeth Theresa and Henry Merrill.

Mr. Kinsey is an influential member of the First Methodist church and for forty-five years has served on its board of trustees. His interest in the welfare and advancement of his community is deep and sincere and from the storehouse of memory he draws many interesting anecdotes of its early history. A firm believer in the gospel of good, he has found life well worth living, and an admirable character has won for him the unqualified respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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### HARRY H. MILLER & SON

The firm of Harry H. Miller & Son, which is successfully carrying on an undertaking business long established in San Leandro, is recognized as one of the leading firms in its line in western Alameda county, and its members, Harry H. Miller, and his son, Harry E. Miller, have gained wide reputation as expert and efficient funeral directors. Harry H. Miller was born in Amador county, California, December 11, 1868, and is a son of David R. and Julia (Hinkson) Miller, the father having come to the Pacific coast, by way of Cape Horn, in 1850, while the mother came across the plains from Missouri in 1849, so that both families are numbered among the pioneers of this state. Members of the Hinkson family first opened the Keystone mine, one of the famous gold producing properties of this state. More detailed reference to the respective families may be found in the personal sketch of Mr. Miller's brother, Grand D. Miller, on other pages of this work.

Harry H. Miller was reared in Amador county until his fifteenth year, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Merced county, this state, where his father engaged extensively in farming, having three thousand acres of land in wheat, besides a large acreage in fruit. Mr. Miller remained in Merced county until 1904, when he went to Alameda and engaged in the butchering business, which he followed until 1906, when he moved to East Oakland and became associated with his brother, Grant D. Miller, in the undertaking business. In 1919 he moved to

Modesto, where he engaged in the same line of business until March 10, 1925, when he came to San Leandro and, in partnership with his son, Harry E., bought the undertaking business of G. R. Morgan, at 160 Estudillo avenue, which they have since conducted under the firm name of Harry H. Miller & Son. This is the pioneer undertaking establishment of San Leandro and, under the able management of the Millers, has gained a reputation as one of the most progressive concerns in that line in this section of the county. They have a complete motor equipment, including hearses and service car, and a full line of caskets and their funeral home is complete in all of its appointments. Both members of the firm are deputy coroners of Alameda county.

While living in Merced county, Harry H. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Young, and they became the parents of a son, Harry E., born March 29, 1904. The latter received his elementary education in the grammar schools at Allendale, after which he attended the Fremont high school at Oakland, the Placer union high school at Auburn and completed his studies in the high school at Modesto. He learned the undertaking business in his uncle's establishment at Oakland and under his father at Modesto, and since coming to San Leandro has been associated with his father.

On June 1, 1927, at San Leandro, Harry E. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Norine Jensen, who is a native of Nebraska and a daughter of P. C. and Anne Jensen. Her father died in Oakland and her mother is now living in San Leandro. Mr. Miller is a member of the Woodmen of the World at San Leandro and his father is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Rotary Club. They have both shown a deep interest in the welfare and advancement of the community since locating here, giving their earnest support to every movement for its betterment along material, civic or moral lines, and are numbered among its substantial and influential citizens.

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#### ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE

One of the most efficient and worthy training and educational institutions in Alameda county is St. Mary of the Palms Orphanage, at Mission San Jose, and it is also one of the most beautiful establishments in the valley, being one of the show places of this section of the county. St. Mary's Orphanage, which is conducted by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is a boarding school for girls, receiving both pay pupils and orphans. It was formerly for both boys and girls, but now girls only are admitted. The mother house of the Order is also located at Mission San Jose. St. Mary's stands on an elevation and is surrounded with beautiful grounds, ornamented with many palm trees, and is in the center of a large prune orchard. There are one hundred and seventy students in attendance, ranging in age from three to eighteen years. Eight teachers are employed, the studies including the grammar grades, a two-year commercial high school course, music and domestic science. Every student receives personal attention and is advanced as rapidly as her work

demands. The teachers are devoted to the interests of the girls in their charge and the school has gained a high reputation for the thoroughness and efficiency of its work. The school was brought to its present location in 1908, having formerly been at the old convent at Mission San Jose, which was founded on June 11, 1797, by Padre Lasuen. The children are comfortably housed and every care is taken of their educational, physical and spiritual welfare, so that they may be properly prepared to take up their life work, whatever it may be. The institution is still doing a splendid work and is numbered among the leading schools of its kind in this section of the state.

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### CHARLES WILLIAM WHITE

Charles W. White, of Hayward, has gained an enviable standing in his section of Alameda county as a competent and skillful lawyer and commands his full share of the legal business of his community. He was born at Weaverville, Trinity county, California, on the 30th of August, 1886, and is a son of Charles W. and Johanna (Bergin) White, the former born in Ohio and the latter near Boston, Massachusetts. His father received a good public school education in his native state, taught school and also learned telegraphy. In the early '70s he came to California, locating at Junction City, where he was employed as a bookkeeper by the Abrams & Karsky Company. Later he took charge of the Whitmore sawmill, with which he was connected until 1889, when he went to Coos county, Oregon, as superintendent and general manager for a large lumber company, filling that position until 1898, when he went to Trinity county, California, where he engaged in the sawmill business on his own account, continuing in that line of work to the time of his retirement, when he established his home in Marysville, where his death occurred. The mother is now making her home with her son, Charles W., at Hayward. Mr. White was a democrat in his political faith and was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles William White spent his boyhood days in Trinity county, where he attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1906. He attended the San Jose Normal School at San Jose, eight months, and then took a three months course in stenography at that place, after which he was appointed court reporter, a position which gave him a splendid insight into court procedure. Having determined to devote his life to the legal profession, he took up the study of law in the office of the district attorney and in 1909 was admitted to the bar at Weaverville, at once engaging in practice. In 1912 he was elected to the state legislature, from the third legislative district, composed of Trinity and Shasta counties, being one of the few republicans elected in the state that year. He served one term and in December, 1914, came to Hayward, where he has since devoted his attention to his legal practice, in which he has been very successful. In February, 1915, he was appointed city attorney and subsequently served as deputy district attorney, under Ezra W. Decota. He has conscientiously and ably performed every duty incumbent on him and has gained a well earned reputation for dependability under all circumstances.

In June, 1910, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Leora McCharles, who was born in Humboldt county, this state, and is a daughter of Harrison and Josephine (Edgar) McCharles, who came to California in the early '60s. Mr. and Mrs. White have five children, Margaret, William W., Edgar Hannon, Terrence Lee and Larry A. Mr. White gives his political support to the republican party and has always maintained a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. Reliable and trust-worthy in every relation of life, true to the noblest ethics of his profession and representing a high type of citizenship, he commands the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen and has a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

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### OLIVER D. HAMLIN, M. D.

In the very front rank of the able physicians and surgeons of Alameda county stands Dr. Oliver D. Hamlin, of Oakland, whose reputation as a successful practitioner, particularly in the field of surgery, is state wide. He is a native of this county, born on the 21st of April, 1870, and is a son of Oliver and Elizabeth (McLoughlin) Hamlin. The father was born in Three Rivers, Canada, where he was reared to the age of eighteen years and secured a public school education. He came to the United States with a party of young men in 1849, and embarked on a sailing vessel for the isthmus of Panama, which they crossed and then took boat for San Francisco. From that city Mr. Hamlin traveled on foot and horseback to what is now Carson City, Nevada, where he engaged in prospecting. He led a typical frontier life, which was largely characterized by the high price of all necessities, fifty dollars being charged for a sack of flour and everything else in proportion. In about 1855 he came to Alameda county and here he received his naturalization papers from Hon. Samuel Bell McKee, who held his court in a small brick house, there being at that time only a few buildings of any character in the locality. Mr. Hamlin rented land around Adams Point and where the convent now stands, and also operated large tracts of land where Albany now stands. In 1873 he bought two hundred acres at Lafayette, Contra Costa county, which he improved, and there engaged in the raising of cattle, following that line of business until 1891, when he moved to Oakland and bought property on Thirty-eighth street, in which he resided until his death, when he was sixty-three years old. In 1868 he was married to Elizabeth McLoughlin, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, from which country she was brought to the United States in young girlhood. She was educated in the public schools of New York and later came with friends to Oakland, California, where she met and became the wife of Mr. Hamlin.

Oliver D. Hamlin spent his boyhood in Lafayette, Contra Costa county, and secured his elementary education in the schools of that place and Oakland. He attended Santa Clara College, from which he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of Master of Science, and then entered the medical school of Leland Stanford University, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1894. Then, under Dr. E. H. Woolsey, he became resident physician for the Southern Pacific Railroad Hospital, being also associated with Dr. Woolsey in his office prac-

tice in Oakland. On the latter's retirement, Dr. Hamlin took over his practice, and at once achieved a great success. Later he was appointed chief of the medical department of the Deaf and Blind Hospital at Berkeley and was largely instrumental in securing the erection of the hospital building. He was a member of the staff of the receiving hospital, built in 1902, and was later appointed chief surgeon for that institution, which position he still holds. He is also division surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Dr. Hamlin occupies the entire fifth floor of the Federal building and commands a large practice, being recognized as one of the leading surgeons of central California.

In 1891 Dr. Hamlin was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McMahon, who was born in San Mateo county, this state, and is a daughter of Owen and Elizabeth McMahon, who were early settlers in that locality. To Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin has been born a son, Oliver D., Jr., who is married and has two children, Minyon Jean and O. D.

Dr. Hamlin is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a past exalted ruler, which office his son is now holding. He is also a member of the Bohemian Club and maintains professional affiliation with the Alameda County Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the California State Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the American Medical Association; and the Railroad Surgeons Association, of which he is a past president. In his political views he is a republican, though the heavy demands of his profession preclude his taking a very active part in public affairs. The Doctor operates at both the Providence and Merritt Hospitals and is frequently called into consultation by his professional colleagues, who hold his ability and judgment in high regard. Personally he is a man of cordial and friendly manner, enjoys the companionship of his friends, and throughout the community which has been honored by his useful life he commands the highest measure of confidence and esteem.

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## F. BRUCE MAIDEN

A very important factor in the development of Oakland's business interests has been the real estate firm of Maiden, Rittigstein & Company, the activities of which have been chiefly directed toward the handling of business properties; in which it has been very successful. The senior member of the firm, F. Bruce Maiden, is a man of wide experience, sound judgment and progressive ideas and is numbered among Oakland's most enterprising and public spirited citizens.

Mr. Maiden was born at Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 6th of May, 1887, and is a son of George W. and Mary Ann (Winters) Maiden. His father, who was an extensive manufacturer of woolen clothing, died when his son F. Bruce was but four years old. Soon afterward the widowed mother brought her family to California, locating at Fresno, and in the public schools of that city F. Bruce secured his early education. He graduated from the Oakland high school, after which he accepted a position in the postoffice at San Francisco.

Four months later Mr. Maiden went to work in the freight auditor's department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he remained two years, and then turned his



F. BRUCE MAIDEN





attention to the real estate business. Entering the employ of a large real estate firm, he worked in its various departments for a number of years and for five years served as general manager of the company. In 1915 Mr. Maiden entered into a partnership with H. Rittigstein, under the firm name of Maiden, Rittigstein & Company and they have been very successful in their operations. They have handled a large number of important business properties in this city, including some of the largest deals in the history of the community, and also handle loans and investments and serve as property managers. They are located at 420 Fifteenth street and employ ten salesmen, being regarded as one of the safest and most dependable firms in their line in the city.

Mr. Maiden was united in marriage to Miss Winte Perkins, who was born at Los Gatos, California, and they are the parents of two children. Rowan P., now fourteen years of age; and Alicia, who is thirteen years old.

Mr. Maiden is an active supporter of the republican party and has been greatly interested in public affairs of the city, being now a member of the city planning commission. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has received the degrees of the Scottish Rite; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Athens Athletic Club; the Athenia Club; the Claremont Country Club; and the French Club of San Francisco. He is a student of the French language, in the use of which he is proficient. His interest extends to all of those activities which have to do with the material, educational, social and moral progress of his community, and his labors have been an effective force along lines of advancement. He has conducted his business affairs in accordance with the highest principles, and his worth to the community, both as citizen and business man, is generally conceded, so that he enjoys the confidence and regard of his fellowmen to a marked degree.

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### JAMES M. PAGE

As superintendent of the Alameda County Detention Home, James M. Page has established an enviable record of public service and is widely and favorably known in this section of the state, in which he has lived for more than fifty years. He was born March 4, 1859, in Missouri, and his parents, Jesse and Emily (Plummer) Page, were natives of Kentucky. In 1845 they left the Blue Grass state and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Missouri.

James M. Page was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools of Missouri. In December, 1876, when a youth of seventeen, he responded to the call of adventure and came to Alameda county, California. For a time he worked in the old stock yards and then became a constable of Oakland township, filling the position for two terms. He was next made warden of the old Oakland Insane Institution and acted in that capacity for ten years. Since 1909, or for a period of eighteen years, he has been superintendent of the County Detention Home in Oakland, and his long retention in the office is an eloquent testimonial to the quality of his service. The institution was formerly housed in leased property on Nineteenth street, between Broadway and Franklin. The new home at the corner of Eighteenth and Poplar streets was dedicated in 1916, and Mr. Page

had the entire furnishings moved twenty-four hours after receiving the notice of the increase in rent of the old institution. Modern and well equipped, the present building meets every requirement and one of its important features is an annex for boys over sixteen years of age. Although a strict disciplinarian Mr. Page is actuated at all times by humanitarian motives and maintains a high standard in the management of the home. A capable executive, he directs the work of a superintendent of boys and four assistants and also has under his supervision a head matron who has three assistants in the girls' department.

On the 25th of June, 1876, Mr. Page married Miss Julia Gittere, a native of Leavenworth, Kansas, and to their union was born a son, Charles E., who died in January, 1925 at the age of forty-seven years. The wife and mother died April 23, 1901, and Mr. Page married his present wife at Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1913.

Mr. Page reserves his energies for his work, in which his interest centers, and his connection with organizations of a social or fraternal nature is limited to membership in the Knights of Pythias. Throughout life he has derived pleasure from the faithful and efficient performance of duty and merits and receives the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### REED W. HEILIG

Reed W. Heilig holds an enviable place among the leading successful lawyers of Alameda county and commands a large and remunerative practice at San Leandro, where he has resided since the spring of 1925. Long and varied experience in the practice of law, as well as in positions of judicial responsibility, has given him unusual qualifications and he is regarded as one of the most capable members of the Alameda county bar. Mr. Heilig was born in Tacoma, Washington, on the 22d of October, 1890, and is a son of Albert R. and Lillian (Whitaker) Heilig, both of whom are deceased, the mother dying at Oakland, California, in March, 1926, and the father in the following month. The father was a lawyer by profession and practiced in Tacoma, Washington, for a number of years. He became prominent in public affairs and served as a member of the state legislature of Washington. He was appointed clerk to Judge Wickersham, of the third division of the United States district court for Alaska, and moved to that territory in 1900, locating first at Eagle. In 1903 they moved to Fairbanks, which had become the more important city, and remained residents of Alaska until 1921, when they returned to the States. To Albert and Lillian Heilig were born two children, Reed W. and a sister, Florence, who became the wife of R. C. Force, president of the Catterpillar Tractor Company, of San Leandro, though living at Piedmont, this county.

Reed W. Heilig received his educational training in public schools and colleges in the state of Washington, and then entered the law college of the University of Washington, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then returned to Alaska and practiced with his father for three years. In 1915 he was appointed assistant United States attorney for the fourth district at Fairbanks, and in 1916 was made United States commissioner and ex officio probate judge, also serving as justice of the peace and recorder. In 1921 he accompanied the family on their removal

to Portland, Oregon, and in the following year went to San Francisco, where he became office assistant to Robert B. Gaylord, a prominent lawyer of that city. In March, 1925, Mr. Heilig came to San Leandro and opened law offices in the Thomas building, where he is still located. He quickly gained recognition as a capable and dependable lawyer and is now commanding an extensive practice in the courts of this county.

While living in Fairbanks, Alaska, Mr. Heilig was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Gross, and they are the parents of two children, Margaret Helen and Lillian Ruth. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Tanana Lodge, No. 162, at Fairbanks. During the World war he was in the forced exemption class and rendered valuable service to the government in Alaska. He is president of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He has achieved a splendid record in his profession at an age when many men are merely starting on their life work and commands not only the respect of his associates at the bar, but also the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, who appreciate his splendid personal qualities as a man and neighbor.

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### CHARLES H. J. TRUMAN

If extended mention should be made of the many business enterprises with which Charles H. J. Truman is associated, it would include a list of many of the foremost financial and commercial activities of central California. In fact all who know him recognize the valuable contribution which he has made to the business development and upbuilding of this state. Born in San Francisco on the 17th of February, 1871, he attended the public schools and in 1890 entered the Central Wesleyan College at Warrentown, Missouri. The highest principles have ever actuated him and it was this that occasioned him to engage in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in St. Louis, Missouri, when his college days were over. For two years he there served as secretary and then returned to San Francisco where he took up the work of printing and advertising. However, in 1896 he decided to learn the undertaking business and therefore resigned his advertising position to devote his time to that work. Eventually he established a business on his own account in San Francisco, on the 1st of August, 1899, and, under the name of the Truman Undertaking Company, is now conducting one of the largest and best equipped funeral establishments of the city, located at 1365 Divisadero street. On the 1st of August, 1912, he extended his interests by opening a magnificent chapel at 2935 Telegraph avenue in Oakland, his business management resulting in the attainment of well merited success.

From time to time Mr. Truman has become a factor in other business projects of an important character and is today president of the Mercantile Building-Loan Association, vice president of the Associated Realty Operators, a director of the First National Mortgage Company, a director of the Morris Plan Company, president of the Telegraph Avenue District Development Association, a trustee of the College of the Pacific, a director of the Camp Fire Girls, a director of the East Bay Title Insurance Company, president of the Oakland Young Men's Christian

Association, president of the International High Twelve Clubs, a past president of the High Twelve Service Club, a past president of the California State Young Men's Christian Association Council, a past president of the Oakland Young Men's Christian Association Fellowship Luncheon Club, a past president of the Advertising Club of Oakland, a past president of the Merchants Exchange, a director of the Atlas Holding Corporation and a director of the Securities Investment Corporation. All who are associated with Mr. Truman recognize the value of his judgment in business affairs, for he is a man of broad vision, of keen discernment and of unfaltering enterprise.

In the year 1911 Mr. Truman and his family moved to Oakland, where their home has since been maintained. He was married in 1901 to Miss Alice O. Therkof, of San Francisco, and they have become the parents of two sons and a daughter: Stanley R., who is a graduate of the University of California, in which he is now pursuing a post-graduate course; Lloyd Hamilton, a student in the College of the Pacific at Stockton; and Edna M., who is also attending the same institution. That training and environment tell, is indicated in the fact that the elder son, like the father, has been active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Truman is president of the Oakland organization, while his son Stanley is a past president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University of California, and the younger son, Lloyd H., is a past president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the College of the Pacific and the daughter is president of the Young Women's Christian Association there. The father is likewise a past state president and his labors, as well as those of his children, have been most effective in promoting the interests of the organization.

Mr. Truman is deeply and helpfully interested in every project which makes for the uplift of humanity or results in the adoption of high and ennobling principles. He is now serving as a director of the Fred Finch Orphanage and is a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He has long been prominent in Masonry and is a life member of every branch of the order. He possesses a very interesting as well as forceful personality and the characteristics most responsible for his success are perseverance, determination and unswerving integrity. He occupies a commanding and honored position among the prosperous business men and most highly esteemed citizens of San Francisco and the East Bay district. He possesses artistic taste and has keen appreciation of all that is of cultural value, and throughout his life he has employed the most practical and resultant measures in the attainment of high ideals.

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#### FRANCISCO IGNACIO DE LEMOS

Francisco Ignacio de Lemos, a well known member of the California bar, engaged in practice in Hayward, has made steady progress through persistent effort, close application and laudable ambition. A son of Jose and Francisca Ignacia (de Menezes) de Lemos, he was born at Villanova, Terceira, one of the Azores islands, March 10, 1865, and was there reared to manhood, studying for the priesthood in the seminary of Angra, in which he completed his course in 1888, but was never

ordained. Having decided not to enter the church work, he came to the United States, landing at New Bedford, Massachusetts, September 20, 1888, and having obtained a loan of one hundred dollars from a friend, he used the money to enable him to continue his journey to the village of Mission San Jose, California, where he secured employment on a Portuguese newspaper. Two months later, following the advice of Rev. G. S. Gloria, he went to San Leandro, Alameda county, where he remained until February 18, 1889, on which date he took up his abode in Hayward. Here he entered the office of Attorney G. S. Langan, who was anxious to learn the Portuguese language, while Mr. Lemos was equally desirous of acquainting himself with the English tongue. They remained together for ten years, practicing law as partners following the admission of Mr. Lemos to the bar of California on the 25th of April, 1895. He showed ready adaptability in grasping the basic principles of American jurisprudence, and remaining a constant student of his profession, he has continually broadened his knowledge and is regarded as a successful attorney, having appeared as counsel in many cases tried in the courts of Alameda county. He is considered resourceful in the preparation of a cause, and sound and safe as an office counselor, and has long been accorded a liberal and representative clientele. He is likewise a director of the Bank of Haywards.

In 1898 Mr. Lemos returned to the Azores and was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Cotta, also a native of the island of Terceira and a daughter of Jose Martins and D. Maria (Ignacia) Cotta. He returned with his bride to the new world and in 1906 he took his family to the Azores for a six months' visit, greatly enjoying his sojourn amidst the scenes of his boyhood. Mr. and Mrs. Lemos had one son, Frank Clemente, who was born November 23, 1900, and was killed in an automobile accident February 16, 1919.

Mr. Lemos has always manifested a keen interest in matters of citizenship and in the welfare of his community and for nine years he was a member of the board of school trustees, serving as chairman during that period. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Foresters of America, the Knights of Columbus, the A. P. P. B., the U. P. E. C., being secretary of its board of directors, and the I. D. E. S., serving as chairman of the supreme board of directors of the last mentioned organization. His unfeigned cordiality and friendly manner have gained him many friends. His interest in public affairs marks him as a substantial citizen and in his chosen calling he has made gratifying progress by reason of the development of his powers.

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#### DONALD MCGREGOR

None of the younger members of the Alameda county bar give greater promise of a successful career than does Donald McGregor, of Oakland, who is building up a very satisfactory clientele and has gained a good reputation for ability and trustworthiness. Mr. McGregor was born in Aguas Calientes, Mexico, on the 6th of November, 1900, and is a son of Charles J. and Sarah (Gow) McGregor, the former a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and the latter of Rochester, New York. His father was educated in his native city and then accepted a position in Indiana,

where he remained until 1899, when he went to Mexico in the interest of a candle business. Later he turned his attention to dairying there, and eventually became interested in a rubber refinery, to which he was giving his attention at the time of his death, which occurred in 1907, when he was thirty-nine years of age. He was a republican and was a member of the Masonic order. He was married, at Whiting, Indiana, to Miss Gow, whose father held a high position with the Standard Oil Company there. After her husband's death, Mrs. Gregor went to Richmond, California, where her brother was interested in the Standard Oil Company, and she now resides in Berkeley.

Donald McGregor spent the first seven years of his life in Mexico and accompanied his mother on her removal to Richmond, California, in the public schools of which place he secured his early education. He then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1921, and subsequently entered the law school of his alma mater, completing his course in 1923. He was admitted to practice in March of that year and during the ensuing three years was connected with the Key System Transit Company as attorney, since which time he has been engaged in the private practice of law in Oakland, having his offices in the Central Bank building.

In 1926 Mr. McGregor was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Grulke, who was born in Atlantic, Iowa, and is a daughter of Frank J. and Emma (Knop) Grulke. In his political views Mr. McGregor is aligned with the republican party and keeps in close touch with the leading issues of the day, on which he holds well defined opinions. He is a representative of a high type of citizenship, standing for all that is best in the life of the community, and has proven well worthy of public confidence and respect.

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### J. E. ROGERS

J. E. Rogers, who has been a lifelong resident of Mission San Jose, has stood for many years as one of his community's representative men, having been actively identified with affairs of vital importance here, and he commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. Mr. Rogers was born in Mission San Jose on the 17th of December, 1872, a son of A. F. and Margaret (Alves) Rogers, both of whom were natives of the Azores islands. His father came to California in 1849, making the long voyage around Cape Horn. In 1868 he engaged in freighting supplies from the San Joaquin valley to Warm Springs Landing and Newark, employing ox teams as the motive power. To him and his wife were born three children, all of whom are living.

J. E. Rogers received his educational training in the public schools and worked on a ranch for four years. When sixteen years of age he entered the post office at Mission San Jose and by reason of loyalty and faithful service has been continued in the office to the present time—a period of forty years. His capability received deserved recognition when, October 9, 1907, he was appointed postmaster, which position he still fills, his service being highly satisfactory to the patrons of the office.

Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Rose Garcia, also a native of Mis-

sion San Jose, and they are the parents of three children, Mrs. Elvira Martin, Clifford and Loraine. Mr. Rogers has shown a commendable interest in the welfare of his community and for twenty-nine years has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Centerville union high school. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Alameda, the Ancient United Order of Druids, the I. D. E. S. and the U. P. E. C., of which he has been treasurer for thirty years. Efficient in the discharge of his official duties and loyal and true to all the obligations of citizenship, he well merits the high place which he holds in the estimation of his fellowmen.

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### ELLWOOD W. SHAW

Ellwood W. Shaw, secretary of the California State Builders' Exchange, is well qualified for this position through his extensive experience in business affairs of a varied nature and is performing his duties in a very satisfactory manner, his individual efforts contributing in very large measure to the success of that organization.

Mr. Shaw was born at Viola, Linn county, Iowa, on the 10th of February, 1885, and is a son of Lindley and Mary Alice (Burgess) Shaw, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born at Middletown, and they were married in that state in 1883. They were both engaged in teaching school there prior to their marriage and soon after that event moved to Iowa, locating on the Wapicon river, where the father was in the nursery business. He died there in 1889, at the age of thirty-five years, and his widow is now living in Houston, Texas, with a son, Jesse S. Shaw.

Ellwood W. Shaw was reared in his native state and there attended the public schools to the age of seventeen years, when he went to Muncie, Indiana, and worked in the Carnegie steel plate mills. He remained there three years, when, on account of an injury received in a football game, he was compelled to give up that line of work. Returning to Iowa, he attended an academy at West Branch, after which he traveled for the Interstate Schools, training students in civil service work for three years. Mr. Shaw then went to Colorado, where for four years he was connected with laboratory work for the American Beet Sugar Company. His next employment was as a traveling representative for the Fitz Manufacturing Company, of Pueblo, Colorado, and later for the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company. On April 1, 1909, Mr. Shaw came to Oakland, California, and entered the employ of the Oakland Traction Company, filling various positions with that organization until 1917, when he became purchasing agent for the Premier Machinery Company, manufacturers of canning machinery. He remained with that concern for three and a half years, and during that period was also instrumental in introducing the Graham Brothers motor trucks into northern California.

Mr. Shaw served one year as license inspector and deputy city clerk and in the fall of 1922 was made secretary of the Oakland Builders Exchange, serving in that capacity until 1925, when he was made manager, which position he held

until February 1, 1928. In 1924, on completion of the Builders Exchange building, which is located at 354 Hobart street in the city of Oakland, he was appointed building manager, which position he still retains, and is secretary of the California State Builders Exchange.

In 1907 Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Price, who was born in Ontario, Canada, and is a daughter of William and Frances (McBride) Price, the former a native of Toronto, Canada, and a descendant of old "Mayflower" stock. Mrs. Shaw's maternal grandfather, Colonel McBride, was a native of the north of Ireland and an officer in the English army.

Mr. Shaw is a charter member of Park Boulevard Lodge No. 568, A. F. & A. M.; and belongs to Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Oakland Lodge No. 701, B. P. O. E.; the Sciots and the Athens Athletic Club. He is an earnest, progressive man, interested in everything that pertains to the welfare of his city and county, and his upright and consistent life has gained for him an enviable place in public esteem.

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### CALVIN M. ORR

For more than thirty years Calvin M. Orr has been identified with the business interests of Oakland, in which he has met with more than ordinary success, while in matters affecting the public welfare he has been a prominent and influential factor, his labors being particularly effective in public educational and recreational matters. Mr. Orr was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, on the 18th of June, 1868, and is a son of Dr. William L. and Ruth D. (Baldwin) Orr. His father, who was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, in which institution he was a classmate and friend of James G. Blaine. He moved to Ottumwa, where he engaged in the practice of medicine, and also became prominent in public affairs, serving as mayor of that city. During the Civil war he served as surgeon of the Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he held many public offices during the period from 1866 to 1897. He died at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife passed away in 1896.

Calvin M. Orr received a good public school education and took a commercial course in a business college. He then went to work for the John Morrell Packing Company, entering the Park packing plant, where he began at the bottom and learned every detail of the business. Later he served as a salesman in several departments, in which he demonstrated his ability in an unmistakable manner, and in 1897, he came to Oakland and introduced the Morrell lines in this state. His first office was at 1375-77 Broadway, where he remained until 1905, when he moved to 651-3-5 Webster street. Later he came to 364 Second street, where he has a well equipped plant for handling all of his lines. He has a large territory, covering that portion of California from the Oregon boundary on the north to Fresno on the south, and in this field commands a large patronage, due to his energetic and progressive methods, the high quality of the goods which he carries and the square dealing which characterizes all of his transactions. He is a pioneer in that his was the first wholesale produce house to be established in Oakland.





CALVIN M. ORR



Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Harriet B. Reedlove, a native of Chillicothe, Missouri, and they are the parents of a daughter, Irene, who is the wife of G. A. Wideman and the mother of a daughter, Ethel Jane. They have a beautiful home on the Monterey peninsula. Mr. Orr gives his political support to the republican party and takes deep interest in public affairs. He has never been an office seeker, but in 1907 was persuaded to accept the nomination for school director, to which office he was elected by a large majority. He gave earnest attention to the duties of the office and on his subsequent election was made president of the board. During this period he introduced to the Oakland schools the Keokuk school savings system, which has been since operated very successfully, and he has also been a strong advocate of the extension of the city playground system. In 1910 while on the Oakland school board, with Leo Weil he was one of the leaders in getting expert musical instruction in the public schools, and was instrumental in obtaining the services of Glen Woods, from St. Louis, as musical instructor. In fact, he has shown himself fully abreast of the times in his ideas relative to public affairs and his opinions are held in high regard by his associates. He is a member of Oakland Lodge, No. 188, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athenian Nile Club, the Sequoia Club and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. A man of sound judgment in practical matters and standing for the best things in the life of the community, he has proven well worthy of public confidence and esteem and has a large circle of warm personal friends.

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### WILLIAM RICHARDSON

William Richardson, of San Leandro, who has devoted the greater part of his life to building construction work, in which he gained a high reputation as an expert, is now one of the leading real estate dealers of this city, commanding a large and prosperous business. He is also rendering appreciated service as a member of the board of city trustees. Mr. Richardson was born at Queen's Ferry, Scotland, May 23, 1881, and is a son of George and Mary (Hopkinson) Richardson, both of whom are deceased. During his boyhood he accompanied the family on their removal to Yorkshire, England, where his father entered the wholesale grocery business, later engaging in the same line at Dueseberg.

William Richardson was reared in England and secured his educational training in the public schools of Yorkshire and Southport, Lancashire. He then became an apprentice to the bronze ornamental and structural trade, which he thoroughly learned in every detail, following that line of work continuously until about three years ago. He came to the United States in 1901, landing at New York city, where for ten years he was employed as foreman by one firm. He supervised the work of that character on many important buildings in the east, including the great railroad station in Washington, D. C., and later his employers sent him to San Francisco, where they had important contracts. There he served as foreman on the construction of the Continental Trust building, the Samuels Lace house, at Stockton and O'Farrell streets, and the old Balfour-Guthrie building. Mr. Rich-

ardson then became foreman for the Rudyear-Merle Company and supervised the work on fourteen buildings in the Bay district. His next position was that of mechanic and foreman for Edward Soule & Company, for whom at intervals during the ensuing seven or eight years he did numerous jobs on the San Francisco docks and elsewhere. After coming to this state, he lived seven years in Oakland and five years in Berkeley, and in 1924 came to San Leandro, where he has since resided. Here he engaged in general contracting and building on his own account, following that line of business for about a year, and in 1925 he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he is still engaged. In this he has been very successful, specializing in the exchange of properties, and during the past two years has handled a large number of business blocks, residences and ranches. He is a good business man, possessing not only an accurate knowledge of property values, but also that sound judgment which makes a real estate dealer of great assistance to his clients.

On April 16, 1908, in San Francisco, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage to Addie Grissell, who was born in Nevada county, California. By a former marriage, Mrs. Richardson is the mother of a son, John P. Boyd, who is engaged in the garage business in Alvarado, California. Mr. Richardson is a republican in his political views and has shown an active interest in local public affairs. He was appointed a member of the board of city trustees, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of J. W. Dalzell, and is now serving as chairman of the ordinance committee and a member of the finance committee. He was made a Master Mason in Fremont Lodge, No. 497, at Fruitvale, and belongs to Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. Every movement for the betterment of his community receives his hearty support and he is especially interested in securing public playgrounds for the children of the city. A man of progressive spirit and sound business judgment, he has made a success of his individual affairs and in every way is well worthy the public confidence and esteem which are reposed in him by his fellowmen.

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### HERBERT BECKWITH

Herbert Beckwith, vice president and director of the Oakland Builders Exchange, and widely known as a successful building contractor, has had long and varied experience in construction work, in which he has proven capable and efficient, so that he holds a high place in the business circles of Oakland. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 4th of October, 1877, he is a son of Walter and Viola (Calvert) Beckwith, the former born in Wales and the latter in Terre Haute. Walter Beckwith came to the United States in boyhood and located in Terre Haute, where he became a railroad engineer, in which work he engaged for many years. He died in Terre Haute and his widow is now residing in La Jolla, San Diego county, California.

Herbert Beckwith spent his boyhood in Leadville, Colorado, and secured his educational training in the public schools there and in San Diego county, this state. He served an apprenticeship at the brickmason trade, after which he traveled over

the southwestern states, working at his trade. In 1898, on the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he enlisted in Company B, Seventh Regiment United States Volunteers, with which command he served for eight months and three days, being mustered out at Los Angeles, California. He then went to Mexico, where he remained until 1903, when he removed to San Francisco, where he became superintendent of construction for Arthur Arlett, a successful contractor and prominent politician, who at that time was president of the San Francisco harbor commission. In 1905 Mr. Beckwith moved to Oakland and during the ensuing years up to 1917 had charge of the erection of many important buildings in the Bay district. In 1917 he engaged in contracting on his own account and has since enjoyed very gratifying prosperity. He built the Roosevelt school in Oakland, as well as many other public buildings throughout this part of the county and the State Agricultural Building at Sacramento. He has a thorough technical knowledge of every part of the business and does thoroughly and well whatever he undertakes, so that he is regarded as absolutely dependable. In 1924 Mr. Beckwith was made a director and the treasurer of the Builders Exchange of Oakland, and in 1926 was elected first vice president.

In 1904, in San Diego, California, Mr. Beckwith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Henshelwood, who was born in Minnesota and is a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Mann) Henshelwood, who were natives of Scotland. To this union have been born two sons, Earl E. and Donald, the latter a student in the University of California. In his political views he is a progressive republican and is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, cooperating with his fellowmen in various ways for the promotion of the best interests of the community. He is a member of Live Oak Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Oakland Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. By an honorable and straightforward course he has gained the confidence and respect of the entire community in which he lives and is deservedly popular among his associates

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## WILLIAM HORST

No citizen of Alameda was held in higher esteem than the late William Horst, who, after a long, active and successful business career, closed his eyes to earthly scenes in 1924. A man of keen mentality, sound business judgment, sterling character and splendid personal qualities, he exemplified in his life a high type of citizenship and was well worthy of the respect which was accorded him by his fellowmen. Mr. Horst was a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was reared to young manhood, securing a good education in the public schools. Desiring better opportunities for individual advancement than were afforded in his native land, he embarked on a schooner for the United States and, after a voyage of seven weeks, arrived at Baltimore, Maryland. There he learned interior decorating, that being in the days before wall paper came into general use for decorative purposes. He became an expert in his line and decorated by hand the walls and ceilings of a number of rooms in the White House at Washington, D. C., while it was oc-

cupied by President Rutherford B. Hayes. In 1860 Mr. Horst again started on a long sea voyage, taking passage on a sailing vessel for San Francisco, being six months in making the voyage around Cape Horn. He remained in San Francisco until 1865, when he came to Alameda, and in that year bought a residence on Santa Clara avenue, which the family still owns. In 1867 he erected a store building and engaged in the grocery business, which proved a successful venture, and in which he continued to the time of his death. He was a man of discrimination in business affairs and the prosperity which came to him was well earned, for he devoted himself closely to his business, kept up with the times in his methods, and so conducted his interests as to win and retain the confidence of all who dealt with him.

Mr. Horst was united in marriage to Miss Josephine E. Bader, a native of Germany, who survives him. To them were born eight children, William, Jr., Gertrude, Rose, Rudolph, Gustave, Henry, Herman and Frederick, all of whom are living.

Mr. Horst possessed a good singing voice and was always greatly interested in music. While living in Washington, D. C., he was a member of a German singing society which gave concerts in the White House, and after coming to Alameda he became one of the organizers of the Turnverein, of which he was the first president and one of its most active members. Well educated and a constant reader and student, he wrote some excellent poetry and frequently gave readings, which were greatly appreciated. In every relation of life, he was loyal and true, and everything affecting the welfare and prosperity of his community enlisted his interest and active support. Kindly and generous by nature, he was cordial and friendly in manner and no citizen of Alameda had more warm and admiring friends.

Henry Horst was born in Alameda, February 15, 1883, secured his educational training in the public schools, and was long associated with his father in the conduct of the grocery business, of which he now has charge. He married Miss Mary Baldwin, of San Juan, San Benito county, this state, and they are the parents of two sons, Joseph and Arthur. Mr. Horst is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose, is well known throughout Alameda and is deservedly popular among his acquaintances.

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#### ERNEST A. WOLLITZ

Ernest A. Wollitz, who has been in the undertaking business in Oakland for twenty-three years, is regarded as one of the most capable funeral directors in the East Bay district and commands a large patronage, while in civic affairs he has proved himself a man of high ideals and fine public spirit.

Mr. Wollitz was born in San Francisco, California, on the 6th of October, 1867, and is a son of Theodore and Wilhelmina (Theile) Wollitz, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father having been born in Mechlenburg-Sterlitz and the mother in Hamburg. Theodore Wollitz came to the United States in 1853, making the long voyage in a sailing vessel around Cape Horn to San Francisco, where he arrived December 31, 1853, after a voyage of nine months. He worked in the first bakery established in the city and later started the seventh bakery, which he conducted continuously until his death in 1903, when he was seventy-two

years of age. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Ancient United Order of Druids.

Ernest A. Wollitz was reared in San Francisco and attended school to the age of seventeen years, when he went to work in John Norgrove's trunk factory at 12 Gray street, where he was employed until 1891. In 1885 he had moved with his parents to Oakland, after which for a number of years he commuted back and forth to San Francisco. In 1891 he and his brother, William F. Wollitz, established the Golden West Bakery at 968 Seventh street, Oakland, which they conducted successfully for fifteen years. In 1904 he went to San Mateo, California, and engaged in the undertaking business, but at the end of a year returned to Oakland and bought the undertaking establishment of Henry Evans, who had been in the business here for twenty-three years. Mr. Wollitz commands his full share of the business in his line; maintains a firstclass equipment, up-to-date in every respect, and his thoughtful and painstaking efforts have been appreciated by those who have secured his services.

About thirty-four years ago Mr. Wollitz was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hair, who was born in Massachusetts. Her parents Samuel and Margaret (Duff) Hair, were natives of Scotland, whence they came to the United States at an early day and in 1874 settled in Oakland where the father followed the plumbing and gas-fitting business. Both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wollitz have been born two children, Lillian and Dr. Alfred.

Mr. Wollitz has always given his political support to the republican party, while fraternally he is a member of Live Oak Lodge No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Oakland Chapter, No. 140, O. E. S.; Porter Lodge No. 272, I. O. O. F.; Oakland Lodge No. 103, K. P.; Oakland Lodge No. 170, B. P. O. E., and was for eight years a member of California Parlor No. 1, N. S. G. W., from which he transferred his membership to Oakland Parlor No. 50, with which he has been connected for thirty-three years. Mr. Wollitz has resided in Oakland for forty-three years and has been an interested spectator of the wonderful development of this district. When he came here the only public transportation was afforded by one small horse car and the water from Lake Merritt used to back up to Broadway, and in many other ways conditions then were in marked contrast to the present modern and prosperous city. He has done his full part in supporting all public improvements, being progressive in disposition, and he has gained recognition as one of the community's substantial and dependable citizens, commanding the respect and confidence of all who have had dealings with him.

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#### GEORGE HYATT HAGY

In no line of business is painstaking care and thoughtful attention to details demanded to a greater degree than in that of undertaking, in which sphere of effort George H. Hagy, of Alameda, has been very successful. He has also been active in the fraternal and civic affairs of his city and is regarded as one of his community's most progressive and useful men. Mr. Hagy was born at Concord, Contra Costa

county, California, on March 5, 1883, and is a son of Adam and Mary Augusta (Turner) Hagy, the former born at Rockland, Maine, and the latter at Reading, Pennsylvania. His uncle, Andrew Jackson Turner, arrived in San Francisco in January, 1852, having come from New York by way of Nicaragua, and, after looking the state over, located in San Francisco, where he established the lumber firm of Turner, Kennedy & Shaw, which was in existence until 1889.

When G. H. Hagy was two years old, the family moved to San Diego, California, where his father engaged in the building business, and there the son remained until January 1, 1890, since which time he has been a resident of Alameda. He received his education in the grammar schools and was then employed as a clerk in various grocery stores in this city. His next employment was with the Wells Fargo Express Company, and a comparison of the growth of this city may be gleaned from Mr. Hagy's statement that at that time one small wagon took care of the entire delivery and collection for the city of Alameda. Leaving the express company, Mr. Hagy went to work for W. W. Montague & Company, of San Francisco, where he was assigned to the sample room of tile hearths and mantel facing as assistant to the late Earl Williams, of moving picture fame, who was the builder of the samples shown in the Montague showrooms. On June 5, 1904, Mr. Hagy accepted a position as stenographer with the Southern Pacific Railroad, first in the superintendent's office, at Third and Townsend streets, San Francisco, but a few months later was transferred to the superintendent's office at Oakland pier. He remained with the Southern Pacific until March 6, 1916, when he resigned in order to engage in the undertaking business and during subsequent years has gained recognition as a competent and efficient funeral director. He holds a state embalmer's license and has a well equipped establishment at 1524 Webster street, where he is prepared to give prompt and satisfactory service.

On April 23, 1919, at Alameda, Mr. Hagy was married by Rev. E. R. Dille, of the First Methodist Episcopal church, to Miss Vincenca Zoe Kiselick, who was born in San Francisco October 19, 1896. She is active in local church, club and civic affairs, being a member of the Santa Clara Avenue Methodist Episcopal church and its Ladies Aid Society; president of Alameda Review, No. 19, Women's Benefit Association; and a member of Hamlet Circle, Companions of the Foresters of America. She is a talented pianist and vocalist, possessing a fine mezzo soprano voice.

Mr. Hagy is a republican but, aside from local elections, has never taken a very active part in political affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Exchange Club of Alameda on December 18, 1926, and its first president. He served as a director of the Chamber of Commerce in 1917 and 1918; was president of the West End Merchants' Association and has exerted his influence in favor of every movement for the advancement of his city. Fraternally, he is a member and past master of Apollo Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., Fruitvale Lodge No. 56, K. P., of which he is past chancellor commander; Alameda Lodge, No. 509, L. O. O. M., of which he is a past dictator; Alameda Aerie, No. 1076, F. O. E., of which he is a past president; and Court Pride of Alameda, No. 19, F. O. A., of which he was chief ranger and recording secretary. He joined the First Methodist Episcopal church in 1891, and transferred his membership to the Santa Clara Avenue Methodist Episcopal church in April, 1925, and is now president of its Men's Club. He



has been a member of the choirs of both of these churches for a number of years. He is also vice president of the board of trustees of the Santa Clara Avenue church and takes a deep interest in the welfare of that society. He is unostentatious, candid and open hearted in manner, possesses a strong character and forceful individuality and is an effective worker in every sphere in which he applies his efforts, and in all of the organizations with which he is identified he is held in the highest measure of esteem, while throughout the community he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### ERNEST STOBBE

The life record of Ernest Stobbe, owner of the East Bay Iron Works, at Oakland, affords a splendid example of what may be accomplished through persistent and honest effort, in spite of early unfavorable environment, and the qualities of character which have enabled him to mount the ladder of success have also won for him the respect of his fellowmen. Mr. Stobbe was born in a country town in East Prussia, Germany, on the 12th of March, 1883. He was left an orphan when seven years old, and at the age of fourteen years was apprenticed to the machinist's trade in Rastenburg, a city of ten thousand population in East Prussia. He served there for four years, without wages, working from six o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night, and receiving but scanty food. In the shop, devoted to making ornamental iron work were employed from sixteen to twenty men, and, though conditions then seemed hard, Mr. Stobbe there gained a practical and thorough knowledge of that business which has stood him in good stead in later years. On the completion of his apprenticeship, at the age of eighteen years, he went to sea as fireman and fourth engineer on a small steamer, on which he served for two years, touching at many of the principal ports of the world. On his return home, he embarked on a passenger boat for the new world, arriving at New York with but a few dollars in his pocket. For two months he worked on a farm in New Jersey, and attended night school in order to acquire a knowledge of the English language. Again he went to sea on English and American steamers as assistant engineer, and sailed through the Golden Gate at San Francisco. There he shipped for a voyage to South America and Honolulu and on his return to San Francisco, in April, 1906, quit the sea and for four years was employed as an ornamental iron worker. Ambitious for an independent career, he then started a business on a small scale, having limited capital, but the high quality of his work soon attracted attention and prosperity attended his efforts. His business has grown steadily through the years and he now employs from ten to twelve men, all of whom are expert workmen. Among the many contracts which he has handled in this district are twenty-four schools in Alameda county, fourteen new and modern theaters, the new Women's City Club building, one of the finest in the west, and many apartment buildings. He displays originality in design and a painstaking thoroughness in his work which have earned for him a high reputation in his line, and the East Bay Iron Works is now numbered among the substantial and prosperous business concerns of Oakland.

Mr. Stobbe was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Scheibe and to them has

been born a son, Gert, now eighteen years of age. Mr. Stobbe is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Oakland Builders Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce. He has proven a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country and all who know him hold him in high esteem for his business ability and his excellent personal qualities.

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### JUSTUS H. GADING

One of the most interesting phases of local history is that which embraces the records of the pioneers, those hardy and courageous souls through whose persevering efforts and sacrifices the foundations were laid for the substantial prosperity of the present day. Among the honored early settlers of central Alameda county was the late Justus H. Gading, who did his full part in the development of his section of the county, realized a splendid measure of success as a reward for his labors, and, having finished his life work, passed to his reward many years ago. Mr. Gading was born in Bremen, Germany, on the 1st day of January, 1835, and was a son of Christopher and Johannah (Ruge) Gading, both of whom were born and reared in that locality. His father was a cooper by trade and on emigrating to the United States with his family he located in San Francisco, after a long and tiresome voyage around Cape Horn in a sailing vessel. From San Francisco they came to Mt. Eden, Alameda county, and bought a home, in which he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Justus H. Gading came to the United States when about twenty-one years of age, having secured his educational training in the schools of Germany. He went to the gold fields of northern California, but later located at San Lorenzo, this county, where he engaged in farming for awhile. Eventually he came to Mt. Eden and bought two hundred acres of land, most of which was wild and unimproved, and here he established his permanent home. At that time there were no fences in this part of the country, the livestock roaming at will over the land, and Mr. Gading was among the first of those who made substantial improvements on their property in this locality. As he prospered, he bought adjoining land, including the Meyer and the Arff ranch, amounting to four hundred acres. In more recent years a portion of the ranch has been subdivided and sold off and now a number of houses have been erected on the old farm. Mr. Gading applied himself closely to the cultivation of the farm and, with the exception of two trips to Germany, spent his remaining years here.

In 1863 Mr. Gading was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Forste, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany, and was a daughter of Frederick and Ann (Semke) Forste. She was educated in the public schools of her native land and came to this country with friends, settling in San Francisco, where her marriage to Mr. Gading occurred. To them were born three children. William is engaged in farming on a ranch adjoining the old home place. Amelia, who was educated in Germany in 1900 became the wife of William Zudreele, a native of Germany, who came to this country when eighteen years of age and first located in New York, where he completed his education. Later he engaged in a mercantile business on Broadway,



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New York city, in which he was eminently successful, and is now retired from active business pursuits, devoting his attention to the management of the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Zudreele are the parents of two children, Grace and Amelia. Justus Gading the youngest of the children, died June 28, 1909.

Mr. Gading gave his political support to the republican party and always took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community, having rendered effective service as a member of the board of school trustees. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran church, to which he gave generous support. His death occurred on the home place in 1897, at the age of sixty-two years, and he was survived many years by his widow, who passed away in 1925, at the age of eighty-two years, beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. Zudreele manages the old home ranch and resides in the third house which was built on the place, it having been erected by her mother. Several of the original buildings are still standing, some of them being over sixty years old and in a fair state of preservation. Mrs. Zudreele spent twenty-five years in New York and the remainder of her life in California. She enjoys a wide acquaintance and is an extremely popular member of her social circles. Her father's memory is honored by all who knew him, for he was a man of splendid character and strong personal traits, no resident of this section of the county standing higher in public esteem than he.

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### CAPTAIN G. W. HALL

After a long and honorable career in the military service of his country, Captain G. W. Hall is now living retired in his comfortable and attractive home in San Leandro, secure in the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born on the 9th day of January, 1872, and is a son of Captain George and Jennie (Morgan) Hall. His father was a native of France and served as an officer in the French army. After coming to the United States he settled at Cincinnati, where he married Miss Jennie Morgan. He died when their son, G. W., was but two years of age, and four years later the mother died, leaving the son to the care of his mother's sister, Miss Ella Morgan, of McMinnville, Tennessee, by whom he was reared.

After completing the public school course, he attended Short Mountain College, in Tennessee, where he pursued an academic course, and then went to work in a drug store in McMinnville. Later he entered the College of Pharmacy at Cincinnati and was graduated in 1890, after which he was employed in a drug store about one year. He then enlisted in the United States Army, joining the Eighth Infantry Regiment, but was later transferred to the cavalry, and afterwards to the artillery branch of the service. Again he was transferred, this time to the Medical Corps, and entered the Brooklyn Medical College. However, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he gave up his medical studies and served with the United States troops in Cuba. He afterwards served in the Boxer campaign in China, and then accompanied his command to the Philippine islands, where they quelled the insurrection. In an engagement there he was severely wounded, his left leg being broken in four places, and he was placed on the retired list, but was recalled to

active service when the United States entered the World war, serving as recruiting officer and in the intelligence department, being stationed during a part of the time at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was on duty throughout that war and had volunteered for active service in France, but the Armistice was signed before he received orders. He then retired from the army and, coming to California, located in San Leandro, where he has since resided. He engaged in the real estate business for a few years, but discontinued that business in 1922.

In 1902, in San Francisco, Captain Hall was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Irene Taylor, a daughter of General Ashby C. Taylor, of the United States Army. She was born on Governor's island, New York city, and is a lady of gracious and charming manner, who has made a host of admiring friends since coming to San Leandro. Captain and Mrs. Hall have a daughter, Irene, the wife of Judge Warren V. Tryon, who now occupies the bench of the superior court of Del Norte county, this state, being the youngest superior court judge in California, and they have a son, Warren V., Jr.

Captain and Mrs. Hall are well pleased with their home community, in which they enjoy well merited popularity, for their home is characterized by a spirit of genuine hospitality and good cheer which has made it a favorite rendezvous for their many friends. They derive much pleasure from motoring and have driven over most of the Pacific coast region, from San Diego, on the south, to British Columbia, on the north. Ardent lovers of outdoor life, they are both experts with rod and gun, and many of their most enjoyable hours are spent in the great out-of-doors. In 1925 Captain Hall was elected a member of the board of city trustees and has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the municipality as a member of the street and finance committees. In her religious faith, Mrs. Hall favors the Church of Christ, Scientist. Well informed on public affairs, the Captain is a man of sound opinions on matters of public policy, and is ready at all times to cooperate in measures for the advancement of the general welfare. Because of his splendid career in his country's service, as well as for his sterling character and strong personality, he is accorded the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### CROMWELL L. ORMSBY

Cromwell L. Ormsby, of Oakland, is fast gaining recognition as a capable and successful lawyer, his legal work being characterized by wisdom, fidelity and determination which have won for him a high standing in the profession. A native of Logan, Utah, he was born on the 8th of September, 1895, and is a son of Oliver C. and Rebecca (Longton) Ormsby, the former a prominent physician there for many years, his death occurring in 1916. His widow died in Oakland in 1924.

Cromwell Ormsby secured a good public school education, graduating from the Oakland high school in 1913, and then entered the University of California. However, his studies were interrupted by his response to his country's call and in 1917 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Field Artillery. He was in training at Camp Kearney and in March, 1918, went overseas with his unit. He was in active service, taking part in the second battle of the Marne, in July, 1918, and remained

in France until April, 1919, when he was returned home and honorably discharged. In 1920 he entered the law school of the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1923, and at once engaged in the practice of law in Oakland, establishing offices in the Syndicate building, in which he is still located. He is a sound and safe advisor in legal matters and in the trial of causes has proven skillful and resourceful. He is loyal to the traditions and ethics of his profession, commanding the respect of both jurists and fellow lawyers, and has measured up to the requirements of every condition in which he has been placed, so that he is well deserving of the confidence and respect in which he is held by all who know him. In 1916 Mr. Ormsby was united in marriage to Miss Maida Waters, who was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is a daughter of George and Sarah Waters, the former of whom was extensively engaged in farming, owning a large ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby move in the best social circles of Oakland and enjoy well merited popularity among their associates.

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#### EDWARD H. CLAWITER

No record of the annals of central California would be complete without specific reference to the Clawiter family, whose members have borne an important part in development and progress here. The family is worthily represented in Alameda by Edward H. Clawiter, one of the oldest native sons of this state, who through the years has been active in affairs of importance to the community. Mr. Clawiter was born at Alvarado, on the 27th of November, 1852, the place of his birth being at that date the seat of the county government. His father, Edward Clawiter, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, whence in 1847, he started for the United States, making the long voyage in a sailing vessel around Cape Horn. In 1849 he went to the mines and was successful in his search for the yellow metal. During his operations he secured a gold nugget of extraordinary size, which he took to Berlin, Germany, and it is still on display in the Berlin Museum. In 1850 he located at Alvarado, where he established a store, and also raised cattle, which he butchered, selling the meat in San Francisco, it being taken across the bay in small boats by Spanish sailors. Later he acquired five hundred acres of land at Mount Eden Station, Alameda county, a part of which he planted to wheat. He was a man of attainments, speaking three languages, took a keen interest in matters relating to the development of his locality, and was very influential in local affairs. He became a member of the Society of California and his portrait now hangs in the Museum in Golden Gate park, San Francisco.

Edward H. Clawiter secured his early education in the San Lorenzo district school, also taking a course in the Pacific Business College, in San Francisco. As a boy, he rode the range for a number of years, and then, going to Mount Eden Station, built a hay and grain warehouse, sixty by one hundred and fifty feet. He was there engaged in the warehouse business for twenty-seven years, meeting with very satisfactory success. He also subdivided one hundred and seventy-five acres of the old home farm into five-acres tracts, all of which have been sold and are now occupied. He retains ten acres in his home place, on which he has an

attractive and comfortable residence, and now, in the golden sunset years of his life, is spending his days in well earned leisure.

Mr. Clawiter was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schafer, of Placerville, El-dorado county, California, and they are the parents of two children, Edward J., who is a prominent civil engineer of San Francisco, and Grace, who is the wife of Clyde Laizure, a mining engineer of San Francisco, California. In 1908 Mr. Clawiter built their present home in Alameda where he is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Clawiter celebrated their golden wedding October 18, 1927, on which occasion thirty relatives were present, some coming from as far as New York. Mr. Clawiter in connected with all branches of masonry, including Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Oakland, of which he is a charter member, being No. 118 on the original list of members. He is active in local public affairs and is a director of the Eden Township water district. He maintains a keen interest in everything pertaining to his locality, in the splendid growth and development of which he takes great pride, recalling interesting incidents of the early days here, in many of which he had a part. His sterling rectitude of character and his kindly and friendly manner have gained for him a high place in the regard of all and he is widely known as one of the grand old men of his section of the state.

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### PETER BERGES

Peter Berges, proprietor of the American French Laundry, in Alameda, has exemplified in his career the fact that success may be attained through persistent and determined effort, backed by right principles, and today he is numbered among the leading business men of his community. Mr. Berges was born on the 5th of September, 1874, in the Pyranees mountains of the Basque district, on the border between France and Spain, and was there reared to the age of eighteen years. After attending public school, he learned the trade of stone cutting, at which he worked until 1892, when he came to the United States, locating in San Francisco, California, where he was employed at his trade for a short time and then went to work in a French hand laundry at 829 Sutter street. He also worked in a French laundry in East Oakland, and later owned a laundry there for two years. About thirty years ago he came to Alameda and bought Mrs. Thompson's laundry on Encinal street, to the operation of which he has given his attention to the present time. When he assumed control of the place four persons were employed, but the business has enjoyed a steady increase in volume and now twelve persons are employed, and the equipment of the plant has been modernized in every respect, steam being largely utilized in its operation. The laundry now occupies a splendid new building, erected by Mr. Berges, which is well adapted to the purpose to which it is devoted. Mr. Berges has been prospered in his material affairs and is also the owner of two other valuable properties in Alameda.

Mr. Berges was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Muton, of San Francisco, and to them have been born two daughters, Louise, who taught for six years in the public schools and is now the wife of Edward Chaponot, and Lorine, who is a student in the University of California, where she is preparing for teaching. Mr.



Berges is a member of the Foresters of America and the Lafayette Club of Oakland. He was made an American citizen in 1912 and has been loyal in every respect to his adopted country. He has in all of his business affairs shown sound judgment and keen foresight, recognizing the fact that only high-grade service will retain the patronage of the public, and he has well merited the prosperity which has crowned his efforts.

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### RODOLPH HATFIELD

Rodolph Hatfield, who stands among the leaders of the bar of Alameda county, has lived a long and useful life, during which he has been active and prominent in public affairs, and his abilities and high attainments have won for him a well merited distinction among his fellowmen. He was born in London, Madison county, Ohio, on the 6th of October, 1854, and is a son of Rensselaer and Eliza Ann (Coultas) Hatfield, the former of whom was a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio, where their marriage occurred. The family moved from Ohio to Logan county, Illinois, where the father bought a tract of land and was there engaged in farming until the spring of 1878, when he moved to Sedgwick county, Kansas. There he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in April, 1904, when he was seventy-one years of age. He was survived a number of years by his widow, who passed away in December, 1913, at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. Hatfield was an active supporter of the republican party, and served as a township supervisor in Illinois and Kansas.

Rodolph Hatfield spent his boyhood in Illinois, where he attended the public schools and then entered Lincoln University, from which he was graduated in June, 1876. He took up the study of law and, after attending law school at Bloomington, was admitted to the bar of Illinois in June, 1878. In that year he moved to Trinidad, Colorado, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for one and a half years, after which he located in Wichita, Kansas, where he practiced from 1880 until 1914, building up a large practice and taking rank among the able and successful attorneys of Kansas. His ability and public spirit gained for him distinctive public recognition and he was elected three times to the state legislature and became one of the regents of the Kansas State Normal School, serving four years as chairman of the board. He served from 1898 to 1908 as president of the Wichita board of education. He became prominent in the political affairs of that state and in 1904 lacked but two votes of being elected United States senator from Kansas.

In February, 1914, Mr. Hatfield moved to Sacramento, California, remaining there until May 1st of that year, when he came to Oakland and in October opened an office in the Bacon building, which is now the Federal Telegraph building. He has built up a large and remunerative clientele and has been connected as counsel with many important cases in the courts of Alameda and adjacent counties, where he has shown himself a skillful, determined and successful attorney.

Mr. Hatfield has been married twice: first, in 1878, to Miss Hattie E. Harts, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of John and Rachel (Minsker) Harts, and to this union were born six children, five sons and one daughter: Rodolph H.,

Merle E., Herbert H., Paul C., Rachel N. and Kenneth E., all of whom are living with exception of Paul C. The mother of these children died in Wichita, Kansas, in January, 1906, at the age of fifty-one years, and in 1910 Mr. Hatfield was married to Mrs. Allie M. Morehead, of Wichita, who had served several years as a principal in the public schools of that city prior to her marriage.

Mr. Hatfield has always been affiliated with the republican party; has for over thirty years been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Presbyterian church since twenty years of age. He has been loyal to the highest demands of citizenship, has been true to the noblest ethics of his profession and has a host of warm friends among those who have learned his worth and sterling qualities of character.

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### JORGEN (GEORGE) LARSEN

Among the grand old men of San Leandro is George Larsen, who, though born under a foreign flag, has been a resident of this locality for over half a century and has proven himself a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country, while in a commercial way he has enjoyed a measure of success that has enabled him to retire from active business and spend his remaining years in well earned leisure. Mr. Larsen was born on the island of Fyol, Denmark, on the 13th of July, 1845, and is a son of Lars and Margrethe (Jorgensen) Jensen. He received his educational training in the public schools of Denmark to the age of seventeen years, when he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade at Ellerop, Denmark, at which he worked from fourteen to sixteen hours a day for four years. He then served in the Danish navy as a marine, and on May 5, 1873, embarked at Copenhagen on a Cunard liner for England. Landing at Hull, he crossed over to Liverpool, where he embarked for the United States, arriving at Castle Garden, New York, after a voyage of two weeks. He secured employment at his trade in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained about six months, and then started for California, to which state a younger brother, Jens Larsen, had preceded him and was working in the quicksilver mines in Napa county. From there the brothers came to San Leandro. Mr. Larsen had a friend, John F. Hooper, with whom he had become acquainted in Denmark and who had accompanied him to California. Mr. Hooper was a woodworker and Mr. Larsen a blacksmith, and when they arrived in San Leandro, in May, 1874, they at once looked for work together. They were fortunate in securing employment in the Baker & Hamilton shop, the pioneer manufactory of farm implements in this locality, and there they worked for about six months. Ambitious for independent business careers, on January 1, 1875, they formed a partnership and in a small way engaged in the blacksmithing and wheelwright business. They were successful in this venture and in the course of time developed a very respectable wagon and carriage building business, besides doing a general line of blacksmithing. They remained in partnership until 1888 and Mr. Hooper died about four years ago, at the age of seventy-four years. They were both expert workmen and demanded the best from their employees, so that through all the years of their business life here they commanded the fullest

measure of public confidence. During his earlier years Mr. Larsen was an exceedingly active and energetic man and the shop which he and Mr. Hooper built in 1876, at the corner of East Fourteenth street and Callan avenue, is now occupied by Joseph V. Mendonca as a restaurant and hotel.

On March 27, 1875, in San Leandro, Mr. Larsen was united in marriage to Miss Dorthea Andersen, who was born on the island of Fyen, Denmark, and is a daughter of Anders and Caterina (Hansen) Nelsen. The former was a prosperous farmer and both parents are now deceased, the mother dying when her daughter was but eight years of age, and the father when he was seventy-four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen have two children: Arthur, a blacksmith, residing at 645 Wood street, San Leandro, is married and has three children, Arthur G., Magdalina and Dorthea; and Anna Margretta, is the wife of Herbert Landis, of San Leandro, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen have two great-grandchildren. Mr. Larsen is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in San Leandro and the Danish Brotherhood in Oakland. He became a citizen of the United States in Oakland in 1879 and has always given his political support to the republican party. He has watched the wonderful growth and development of this favored section of the state and takes a justifiable pride in the community in which he lives and in the welfare of which he has had a constant interest. Because of his splendid record, his upright life and his fine qualities he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

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### RAYMOND SALISBURY

One of the leading representatives of the legal profession in Alameda county is Raymond Salisbury, of Oakland, who has an extensive clientele, which has come to him because of his well earned reputation as a learned, capable and honorable attorney. Mr. Salisbury was born in Oroville, Butte county, California, on the 5th of May, 1881, and is a son of Willis and Alice (Haycock) Salisbury. He spent the greater part of his boyhood in Truckee, California, and Eugene, Oregon, and received his educational training in the public schools of the latter city, graduating from high school. He spent one year in the University of Oregon, and then entered the University of California, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1912 and that of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1915. He then located in Oakland and engaged in the active practice of his profession, to which he devoted his attention until the United States became involved in the World war, when he enlisted and went into a training camp, where he received a commission as first lieutenant. He was sent overseas and served in France with the general headquarters of the Engineer Corps until 1919, when he returned to this country and was honorably discharged. In 1920 he resumed the practice of law in Oakland and in 1924 became assistant city attorney, filling that position in a very creditable manner until March 10, 1927, since which time he has been engaged in private practice, being associated with J. A. Kennedy, with offices in the Bank of Italy building. A man of alert and vigorous mentality, well learned in the law and with splendid powers of analysis, he has shown himself "a warrior

worthy of any foeman's steel" and, though always courteous to his opponents, is a determined and resourceful trial lawyer, while as an office counselor he has gained a reputation as a sound and safe advisor.

In 1922 Mr. Salisbury was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Porter, who was born and reared in Oakland and is a daughter of George and Adelaide (LaFleche) Porter, both of whom are representatives of old pioneer families of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury have two children, Raymond and Janis. The republican party has always received Mr. Salisbury's support and he has stood ready at all times to cooperate with his fellow citizens in every movement for the advancement of his community's interests along material, civic or moral lines. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club. Loyal and true to all of life's responsibilities, he has measured up to the highest standard of citizenship and no resident of Oakland commands to a greater degree than he the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### PETER M. HOLST

The career of Peter M. Holst presents the story of a man's determined and persistent efforts, in the face of obstacles, and his eventual success in attaining his goal, his record gaining for him the unqualified respect of all who know him, and he stands today as one of the solid and substantial business men of his community. Mr. Holst was born in Denmark, November 18, 1867, and is a son of M. P. and Christina Holst. His father, who was a seafaring man, had in the course of his voyages visited California in early days. Both parents are now deceased, the father dying at the age of eighty-seven years.

Peter M. Holst was educated in the public schools of Germany, which at that time dominated the section of Denmark in which he lived, and he remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when, in 1892, he emigrated to the United States. Going direct to San Jose he worked in orchards there and then came to Oakland, California, where he secured work with Andrew Jensen, who was a dealer in hay and was renting what was then known as the Clark farm. Mr. Holst remained with Mr. Jensen four years and as his employer was unable to pay him what was due him in wages, he took in lieu thereof a team of horses, a wagon and a hay press. With this equipment he began to bale and sell hay on his own account and later, when Mr. Jensen quit the business, Mr. Holst took over the Clark place. He also farmed the Tooler place at Elmhurst, both of these places now being in Oakland. Mr. Holst was industrious and energetic and by close attention to his business developed a good trade. Twice he has had partners in the business. He has made good progress and has gradually advanced until he has eventually reached an independent position in the business world. He has acquired the valuable properties and now owns and lives on the old Clark place, on which he has a large warehouse for the storage of hay and feed, and also has another large warehouse on an acre of land near the railroad, where he has the advantage of a switch, which simpli-



PETER M. HOLST



fies the shipment of his products. He has an office and retail yard at 5000 East Fourteenth street and employs a number of men and several teams and motor trucks.

Mr. Holst has been married twice, first to Miss Christena Anderson, who died after ten years of happy married life. To them were born four children, namely: Annie, who is teaching in the high school at Hayward; Max E., who is associated with his father in business; Elsie, who is superintendent of the operating room in Merritt Hospital; and Marrietta, who is teaching in Sacramento. For his second wife Mr. Holst chose Miss Karen M. Swansen and they are the parents of a daughter, Bernice. Mrs. Holst is a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and is an active member of the Melrose Parent-Teachers Association. Mr. Holst gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a self-made man in the best sense of the term and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way upward through his unfaltering enterprise and the exercise of right principles. He is a man of high ideals, loyal in his citizenship and reliable in business and well deserves the prosperity which is now his.

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#### T. C. DRENNAN

T. C. Drennan, who is rendering efficient service as chief deputy coroner of Alameda county, has been connected with the undertaking business for many years and is now manager of the Grant D. Miller mortuary at Oakland. He was born in Alameda on the 26th of September, 1891, and is a son of Valla and Pearl (Hard) Drennan, the former of whom was born in Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, California, and the latter in Illinois. He is of old pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather having come to this state in 1846, largely in a spirit of adventure. Shortly afterward he returned east, but in 1848, on the discovery of gold here, he returned to California and made this his permanent home. The maternal grandfather, David T. Hard, who was a native of Vermont, came to California at the close of the Civil war and became prominent in the public and political life of Alameda county, serving a number of years as a justice of the peace.

T. C. Drennan was educated in the public schools of Alameda and Colfax, Placer county. At the age of fifteen years he began working at the undertaking business, first with James Fowler, in Alameda, later was with A. A. Barber, in Fruitvale, and for a time with Craig, Cochran & Company in San Francisco. For the past fourteen years he has been associated with Grant D. Miller at 2372 East Fourteenth street, Oakland, as manager, and when Mr. Miller became coroner of Alameda county he appointed Mr. Drennan his chief deputy, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a graduate embalmer and holds license No. 30 issued by the state board of embalmers of California.

Mr. Drennan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Trishman, who was born and

reared in San Francisco, and they are the parents of a daughter, Anne, who is now six years of age. Mr. Drennan is a member of Brookly Lodge No. 225, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Fruitvale Chapter No. 111, R. A. M.; Oakland Council No. 12, R. & S. M.; Oakland Commandery No. 11, K. T.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; is a charter member of Fruitvale Parlor, N. S. G. W., and belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Loyal Order of Moose and the East Lake Kiwanis Club. Because of his excellent business record and his fine personal qualities he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

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### ROLAND ESTEVES

It is a pleasure to record the career of a successful, self-made man, for peculiar honor attaches to that individual who, beginning the great struggle of life alone and unaided, gradually overcomes every obstacle and by his own force and effort forges to the front and wins not only material success, but also a position of esteem and influence among his fellowmen. Such is the record of Roland Esteves, than whom no citizen of San Leandro enjoys a larger measure of public confidence and respect. Mr. Esteves was born at Rivadavia, Spain, on the 7th of April, 1896. Three years later his father, who had suffered severe financial reverses during the Spanish-American war, emigrated to Honolulu, where he soon afterwards died, and his son Roland was placed in Castle's Home for Children, a Protestant institution, where he remained from 1904 to 1907. In the latter year his mother left Honolulu because of her health and soon afterwards Roland seized an opportunity to make his way to the United States mainland. Making the voyage on the "G. W. Porter," a Standard Oil Company boat, he landed at San Francisco, November 8, 1907, and from that day has made his own way in the world. He was first employed here in Haywood Brothers' chair factory, where he worked as a chair packer and finisher, for which he received pitifully small wages. He remained there three years and then, with a desire to better his condition, went to work in the kitchen of "The Dauntless," a river boat belonging to the Rideout Company and plying the San Joaquin river in and out of Benicia. For this work he received twenty-five dollars a month. Soon afterward he became an apprentice boy in the F. S. Johnson Company harness factory in San Francisco, with which concern he remained a year. He then bought a job from an employment agency in that city and was shipped to Redwine, Mendocino county, but he found conditions there so unbearable that, with only four dollars and a half in his pocket, he turned his face again toward the city. He walked forty miles one day and had a very hard trip, but was glad to again go to work in the harness factory, where he remained until 1917, earning six dollars and a half a day. He then worked for Hoverstadt & Leist, where he learned automobile trimming, at which he worked for five or six months, after which he went to Gillig Brothers, on Post street, San Francisco, where he continued as an automobile trimmer and top maker. In 1919 Mr. Esteves went to Palo Alto, California, and in July of that year formed a partnership with J. Silva, under the firm name of Silva &



Esteves, and engaged in the auto top and trimming business. The firm prospered and was soon doing a business of twenty-five hundred dollars a month. Mr. Esteves then sold out to his partner for sixteen hundred dollars and moved with his family to San Leandro, September 5, 1920. He has lived here since, though for a short time he worked for C. C. Starr in Oakland. On November 4, 1920, Mr. Esteves engaged in the auto top and trimming business here and, though he had a hard struggle at first, the high quality of his workmanship and his sound business methods gained recognition and he began to attract patronage, particularly from the important concern of C. L. Best Company, cushion makers, which has been a liberal patron of his to the present time. He runs his business under the name of the Esteves Top Shop and does body work, trimming and painting, makes seat covers to order, as well as silk roller curtains and carpets. He does all of the top work and trimming, with the assistance of six helpers, while the body work and painting is done by tenants, who occupy the same building. He has been remarkably successful and owns the present building he occupies, a one-story brick and steel structure, thirty-eight by one hundred feet in size; and also the residence in which he lives at 228 Chumalia street, two duplex houses in San Antonio court and two valuable residence lots on Begier avenue.

On January 16, 1915, in San Francisco, Mr. Esteves was united in marriage to Miss Esther Jiminez, also a native of Spain, and they began housekeeping when Mr. Esteves was earning but thirteen dollars a week. They are the parents of four children, Beatrice, Roland, Jr., Margaret and Eleanor. Mr. Esteves became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1919 and has proven a loyal and staunch supporter of his adopted country. He has taken an active part in civic affairs and is a director of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, belongs to the Kiwanis Club and was for five years a member of the volunteer fire department. A progressive business man, he owns a well equipped shop, takes pride in the high quality of his work and in every respect is well worthy not only of the prosperity which is now his, but also of the good will and respect of his fellow citizens.

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### GEORGE H. MASTICK

The late George H. Mastick was a worthy representative of one of the most prominent families of Alameda and in his own life exemplified the noblest qualities of citizenship, having shown a devotion to the highest interests of his community that marked him as a man of more than ordinary public spirit. His death, in 1920, was regarded as a great public loss. Mr. Mastick was born in San Francisco, California, May 23, 1856, and was a son of Edwin B. and Lueretia (Wood) Mastick. His father was a pioneer of this section of the state, having crossed the plains, with ox team and covered wagon. He became a prominent and successful lawyer, standing in the front rank of the bar of San Francisco. He was also a large land owner and was regarded as the father of Alameda, having aided greatly in the upbuilding of this city, of which he was one of the first mayors. He donated land to the Southern Pacific Railroad and every measure for the advancement of the community received his hearty support.

George H. Mastick attended the public schools of San Francisco and graduated from the University of California. He was admitted to the bar and for a number of years was associated with his father in the practice of law, later being alone in practice. Well founded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, a logical and forceful speaker and a man of unswerving integrity, he had a large clientele and was identified as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of San Francisco and Alameda county.

Mr. Mastick was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth S. Spencer, a native of Illinois, and they became the parents of three children, Winifred, Spencer and George H., Jr. With an absorbing interest in education matters, Mr. Mastick, even in boyhood, showed the practical side of his nature in his successful efforts to establish a public library, which he effected in 1902, and at the age of seventeen years was president of the local library association. Its promotion and growth was a matter of the deepest interest to him and he remained officially identified with the Alameda public library to the time of his death, giving liberally of his time and efforts that it might become an institution worthy of the community which it served. He was a great lover of books, owned a splendid library, and was a man of wide and accurate information. The Mastick family has through the years been influential in promoting the progress of Alameda, and the Mastick school, on Santa Clara avenue, was named in recognition of the eminent public services of E. B. Mastick. George H. Mastick was a man of fine attainment, an agreeable companion, a loyal friend and neighbor and a man of earnest purposes and highest motives, so that he commanded to an unusual degree the admiration and sincere respect of his fellowmen.

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#### FRED T. WOOD

The Fred T. Wood Co., of which Fred T. Wood is president, has achieved a notable record in the development of Oakland's suburban districts and is generally recognized as one of the leading and efficient real estate firms in Alameda county. Mr. Wood was born at Woodland, Yolo county, California, on the 11th of December, 1883, and is a son of Daniel E. and Wylmoth E. (Goode) Wood, the latter now residing in Oakland, at the age of eighty years. The father, who was an accomplished violinist, was born and reared in London, England, whence he emigrated to the United States, making the long voyage around Cape Horn to San Francisco, and spent the remaining years of his life in this state, his death occurring in Los Angeles about thirty-six years ago.

Fred T. Wood spent his boyhood at Grass Valley, Nevada county, and secured his education in the public schools of that locality. Later he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma county, where he attended the Adventist College. He supplemented his classical education by a commercial course in the Santa Rosa Business College and in 1904 came to Oakland and engaged in the real estate business. Two years later he organized the Mutual Realty Company, but subsequently sold his interests to his partner, J. A. Pizzotti, and in 1917 he formed the Fred T. Wood Company. This concern has enjoyed remarkable success in the handling of subdivisions and

among the more important tracts which it has sold off are Lakewood Park, Piedmont Highlands, Claremont Woodlands, Miller Gardens, Edgemont, Fernwood and Fernside, and now has in project the San Leandro tracts of three hundred acres. Mr. Wood is a man of great energy and his tireless efforts and progressive methods have enabled him to accomplish remarkable results in his special line, whereby he has in very large measure contributed to the progress and development of Oakland and Alameda county.

In 1906 Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Lilla Pearl Burke, who is a native of this state, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ruth P. Wood. Mr. Wood is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Mason, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Kiwanis Club. He also belongs to the Oakland Real Estate Board, of which he is a director, is a director of the State Real Estate Association and a member of the executive committee of the Home Builders. He has shown a live interest in the prosperity of his community and in all of his affairs has been actuated by the highest principles, so that he has well earned the high place which he holds in the estimation of those who know him and are familiar with his work. Agreeable and courteous in manner, he has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community in which he lives.

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#### SAN LEANDRO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

No public institution in San Leandro is more generally appreciated by the people of the community than the free public library, which, under the wise and judicious supervision of the librarian, Miss Mary Brown, has steadily grown in popularity and general use. The library had its inception in 1905, when the San Leandro Board of Trade (which subsequently became the Chamber of Commerce) took official notice of the local need of such an institution and began soliciting public subscriptions for that purpose. The ladies' organization known as the Alta Mira Club gave the movement its active support and soon afterwards communicated with Andrew Carnegie, the result being that Mr. Carnegie gave ten thousand dollars for the building of a library, on condition that a fund equal to ten per cent of that amount should be raised annually by taxation for the support of the library. The donation and the condition were accepted by the officials of San Leandro, and the building was erected on the splendid lot which it now occupies, at 302 Estudillo avenue, the site being the gift of Talcott Patchin Cary. The building, which cost twelve thousand dollars, is of pressed brick and reinforced concrete, is of appropriate architectural design and well adapted to the purpose for which it is used, while the furnishings are in keeping with the building. It was formally established as a free public library by the board of library trustees on November 6, 1905, and Miss Mary Brown, who, as a member of the Alta Mira Club, had been actively interested in the consummation of the project, was appointed librarian. During this period W. P. Kimball, of Pasadena, gave valuable encouragement and practical help in the organization of the library. The interior furnishings of the library cost about three thousand dollars, which amount was subscribed by the citizens of San

Leandro. Besides the main reading room, in which are to be found the leading newspapers and magazines, there is a large and beautifully equipped children's room and a thoroughly modern reference room, the shelves being stocked with a well selected list of books, covering practically every department of literature. In the basement is a large and well furnished auditorium, for public meetings, a men's club room, the librarian's workroom, and the hot-air heating plant. Every year since the establishment of the library, there has been a steady increase in patronage until today there is real need of more room. Miss Brown is a native of St. Helena, Napa county, California. Her heart is in her work here and to her efficient and capable service as librarian is very largely due the popularity of the institution, her courtesy and accommodating manner having won for her the friendship and good will of all who come in contact with her. The present library trustees are, A. B. Cary, president, Dr. C. H. Miller and Mrs. J. H. Garcia, Mrs. George J. Helms and Mr. Frank Bricker, secretary.

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### EUGENE W. ROLAND

Eugene W. Roland, of Oakland, is numbered among the able and successful lawyers of Alameda county, having a reputation as a sound and dependable attorney and counselor. Mr. Roland was born in Quincy, Illinois, on the 27th day of November, 1879, and is a son of John W. and Lucia M. (Kingman) Roland, the former born in Steubenville, Ohio, and the latter in Quincy, Illinois, their marriage occurring in Quincy. J. W. Roland served for nineteen years as train dispatcher on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and then moved his family to Orange, California, where he purchased an orange ranch. He gave his attention to that until 1887, when the family moved to Oakland, and he entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad at San Francisco, with which company he remained more than twenty years, when he was retired on a pension. He is now eighty-two years of age and survives his wife who died in Oakland. He is a republican in his political affiliation and is a faithful member of the First Presbyterian church.

Eugene W. Roland was about three years of age when the family came to California and he spent his early boyhood at Orange. He attended the public schools of Oakland, graduating from the high school in December, 1896, and in August, 1897, entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1901. Having determined to follow the practice of law, he attended Hastings Law College, in San Francisco, for two years, at the same time studying law and clerking with the law firm of Campbell, Fitzgerald, Abbott and Fowler. He passed the state bar examinations and was admitted to practice in September, 1904. He began the practice of his profession in the offices of Fitzgerald & Abbott in San Francisco, continuing until the great fire of 1906, in which his office, files and books were burned. Later he became the San Francisco attorney for the American Surety Company of New York, a relation which he sustained for four years, after which he was appointed Pacific Coast manager for the bonding department of the Royal Indemnity Company. In April, 1913, Mr. Roland resigned that position and began the private practice of law in Oakland, which he still continues. Well grounded in the

basic principles of jurisprudence, a determined and resourceful lawyer and an honest and careful counselor, he has gained the public confidence to the extent that his practice has steadily grown through the years, and today he is regarded as one of the reliable lawyers of his city.

On December 25, 1917, Mr. Roland was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Helen Beatty, a native of Oakland, and graduate of its grade and high schools. Mr. Roland is a republican in politics and has taken an active interest in civic and public affairs. He served from January, 1919, to July, 1920, as deputy city attorney of Oakland, and in 1924 was elected to represent the Thirty-seventh assembly district of Alameda county in the state legislature. His record for faithful and efficient service in that body earned for him a reelection in 1926 and he thus served through two sessions. He is now a candidate for a third term. He is a member of Sequoia Lodge, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; and is active in Aahmes Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past president of the Oakland Orpheus Club, and belongs to the Bohemian Club of San Francisco and the Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity. Mrs. Roland is an accomplished musician, specializing in piano and organ, is a member of the Ebell Club of Oakland and is extremely popular in the circles in which she moves. Mr. Roland is a man of agreeable personality, candid and straightforward in manner and shows a commendable interest in everything affecting the welfare of his community, so that he well merits the high esteem in which he is held wherever he is known.

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### JOSEPH A. SILVA

To such men as Joseph A. Silva, of Niles, is Alameda county indebted for its remarkable development, and his immediate section of the county has been greatly benefited through his extensive operations in real estate, in which he has shown keen business judgment and a public-spirited interest in the advancement of his community. Mr. Silva was born in Half Moon Bay, San Mateo county, California, October 26, 1875, and when about three years of age was brought by his parents to Alameda county. He secured his education in the public schools of Irvington and Decoto, and at the age of seventeen years entered the employ of the California Nursery Company, at Niles, with which he remained six and a half years. From that time to the present he has been in business for himself in Niles, having conducted a barber shop and a liquor business, operated in real estate, sold insurance and farmed, and in all of these lines he has been successful. He has specialized in the development of real estate in the Niles district, his first extensive deal being the purchase of the Myer orchard tract of ninety-seven acres, which he divided into small tracts and sold to farmers, and he has bought, sold and improved more property in Niles than any other person, and thus has materially advanced the settlement of this territory. He has shown a progressive spirit in everything he has undertaken, and in the town of Niles has erected and sold a number of residences, being also the first person to erect a concrete building in this city. He is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Alameda County and is a director of the Citizens Water Company of Niles.

Mr. Silva was united in marriage to Miss Emily Ribeiro, who was born in Milpitas, Santa Clara county, this state. He gives his political support to the republican party and is deeply interested in local public affairs. He was made a director of the fire department on its organization and was appointed a justice of the peace to fill out an unexpired term, and so satisfactory was his discharge of the duties of the office that he was elected to a full term. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the U. P. E. C., a Portuguese society. He is essentially a self-made man, for his success has been gained entirely through persistent and well directed efforts, and throughout the community in which he lives he commands uniform respect and esteem.

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### JOHN E. LLOYD

One of the largest and most completely equipped garages in Alameda county is the Oakland garage, which will compare favorably with any other in northern California. John E. Lloyd, president of Oakland Garage, Inc., has attained his present enviable position in the business world through the exercise of initiative, sound judgment and progressive methods. A native of Wales, he was born on the 4th of June, 1886, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Roberts) Lloyd, who brought their family to Oakland, California, in 1890. Here the father's death occurred shortly afterward, while his widow still resides in this city.

John E. Lloyd had but little opportunity to attend school, for he started to earn his living at the age of eight years, working at such jobs as he could find. His first regular position was that of driver for a wholesale milk concern. Later he learned the trade of a harnessmaker, at which he worked for one man four years, then located in the Fruitvale district and opened a harness shop of his own, making the first set of harness for the Fruitvale fire department. He carried on his business for about three years, when he sold and became a fireman on the Southern Pacific railroad, following that line of work for two years. Sensing the importance of the rapidly developing automobile business, he quit railroading and, in partnership with his brother, Thomas H. Lloyd, established a small garage at 1425 Alice street. Business was slow at first and they had a hard time through the first lean years, but their good workmanship and square dealing gained them friends and their business steadily increased through the years until they were compelled to arrange for more room. Where originally stood their modest little garage, now stands a fine five-story, concrete building, occupying the full block between Alice and Jackson streets, with an entrance on each street, everything connected with the business being under roof, with runways to the second floor. In 1922 the business was incorporated as the Oakland Garage, with John E. Lloyd as president and Thomas H. Lloyd, vice president. In 1923 H. C. Broderick became a member of the corporation. They have one hundred thousand square feet of space, providing for the accommodation of a large number of cars, and they maintain a completely equipped repair department, sell oil and gas and carry a full line of accessories, employing a large force of men. They are agents for the Auburn cars, of which they have sold a large number in Oakland and Alameda county.



JOHN E. LLOYD





Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Morse, who is a native of Louisiana but was reared and educated in Oakland, and they are the parents of two children, John Evan, Jr., and Marjorie. Mr. Lloyd is a republican in his political views. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and belongs to Oakland Lodge, No. 188, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Though a busy man, he finds time for an occasional game of golf, and among his associates is extremely popular. He is a public spirited man, giving his earnest support to everything calculated to benefit his city in any way, and enjoys a high reputation for business ability and progressive methods.

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### EDWARD STANTON BELL

Edward Stanton Bell, who commands a large law practice in Oakland, has made an enviable record in the courts of this section of the state, having been unusually successful in the trial of causes, and enjoys a well established reputation as a trustworthy and dependable attorney.

Mr. Bell was born in Trinity county, California, on the 26th of August, 1861, and is a son of Charles Edward and Catherine Jane (Mills) Bell, both of whom were descended from Revolutionary stock. Charles E. Bell was born in Darien, Connecticut, in the same house in which his grandfather was born, and on the maternal side was a lineal descendant of John Howland, who came to this country on the Mayflower. The paternal grandmother of our subject was a member of the Schofield family, who founded Stamford, Connecticut, and built Stamford University. Mr. Bell's mother was born in South Norwalk, Connecticut. His uncle, Jacob Bell, of the firm of Brown & Bell of New York, built the "Niagara," Commodore Perry's flagship in 1812, it being the first vessel built by contract for the United States government.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bell were married in Connecticut and in 1857 migrated to Montgomery county, Iowa, where Mr. Bell erected the first gristmill in that section of the state. In the spring of 1859 his health failed and his wife started with him, in an ox cart, for Pike's Peak, Colorado. When they reached St. Joseph, Missouri, they learned that the Pike's Peak boom had subsided, and so they joined a train of emigrants bound for California, the company being commanded by Captain Charles Parker. On reaching the coast they located in Lewiston, Trinity county, California, and, the trip having greatly improved Mr. Bell's health, he went to work as a miner. In 1864 he became superintendent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at Benecia, where he remained until 1866, when he removed to San Francisco, to which city the company moved its offices at that time. He retained that position until June, 1868, when his wife and children returned to Connecticut and he went to Coos Bay, Oregon, with Senator Piper, and there built a steamship, which they operated until 1874, when it was sold to the Mexican government. Mrs. Bell and her children then returned to California, locating in Vallejo, where Mr. Bell entered the employ of the United States government as a master ship builder in 1869, holding that position until 1898, when he retired. His death occurred in 1920, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-

four years. In 1876 he had bought a ranch of four hundred and fifty-five acres, four miles north of Saint Helena, and there the family lived for many years, the mother's death occurring there, when she was seventy-four years of age. The father was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward S. Bell spent his boyhood at Vallejo and secured his education in its public schools. In 1881 he began to work at the carpenter trade, which he followed there and in Oakland until 1892, when he ran for the office of justice of the peace at Saint Helena. He was elected and during his tenure of the office he took up the study of law. About that time his brother, Theodore E. Bell, became district attorney and Edward S. went into his office and there completed his studies, also gaining valuable experience in legal procedure. He was admitted to the bar and a year later embarked in the practice of law at Napa, California, in which he was successful, remaining there until 1919, when he came to Oakland. Here he has since been located, having his offices in the Latham Square building. His brother served as district attorney for eight years; was for two years a member of congress, and was three times a candidate for governor.

In 1899 Edward S. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Dresser, who was born at Folsom City, Sacramento county, California, and is a daughter of William and Mary Dresser, the former of whom was a pioneer of this state, having come here in 1849.

Mr. Bell has always given his political support to the democratic party and has been actively interested in public affairs. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, is justifiably proud of the great state in which he lives, and has given his earnest support to every worthy public interest of his city and county. Possessing a splendid personality and an agreeable manner, he is deservedly popular among his acquaintances and is held in high regard among his fellow lawyers.

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### HARRY H. HOLLIDGE

Possessing those qualities which make for success in the insurance field, Harry H. Hollidge is well known in Oakland as a partner in the firm of Berger & Hollidge, conducting a general insurance business the scope of which is shown in their slogan, "We insure anything against everything." Close application, earnest purpose and a laudable ambition have carried him steadily forward and he has contributed in substantial measure to the continuous success of the firm in which he is a partner.

Born in Tacoma, Washington, on the 14th of January, 1886, Harry H. Hollidge is a son of George H. and Jennie (Tibbs) Hollidge, who were born, reared and married in London, England. In young manhood the father was employed for a time as a pipe fitter in Australia, whence he came to the new world, establishing his home in Seattle. There he installed the first gas and water plant of the city and afterward he performed a similar public service in Tacoma, Washington, where he made his home for fifteen years. He next went to Merced, California, where he became superintendent of the Merced Gas and Electric Company,

and he likewise installed the first electric power plant at Merced Falls. Later he accepted a position with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in Oakland and following his withdrawal from that business connection engaged in building operations, specializing in "better homes." He and his wife now reside in Oakland, Mr. Hollidge being seventy-six years of age and his wife seventy-three.

The youthful days of Harry H. Hollidge were largely passed in Merced and in Oakland, where he acquired his education through attendance at the public schools. In 1905 he initiated his business career by securing a position as stenographer with the Pacific Coast Lumber & Mill Company of Oakland, while subsequently he entered the employ of the Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for fifteen years, the length of his service with that corporation being proof of his capability and fidelity. In 1924 he entered into partnership with J. A. Berger, who has devoted practically his entire life to the insurance business. The firm has since conducted a general insurance office at 1441 Franklin street and the partners are concentrating their efforts and attention upon the further development of a business that has already reached most substantial proportions. They handle life, automobile, fire, liability, plate glass, bonds, tourist baggage, accident and health and workmen's compensation insurance and in fact "insure anything against everything," meeting the public demand for a centralized agent in every kind of insurance, which they place with some of the oldest and best known insurance corporations of the country. They give expert advice to their clients as to the kind of policy that is best for their protection along specific lines and their reliability and progressiveness have gained for them many clients.

In 1907 Mr. Hollidge was united in marriage to Miss Marie Lane, a native of Kansas, and they have become parents of two children, George and Harry, Jr.

For ten years Mr. Hollidge was a member of the Oakland Rotary Club, losing his membership due to the change which he made in his business. He is now a member of the Altrurians, a club composed of former Rotarians, and he is also identified with the Knights of the Round Table, while he and his wife have been members of the First Methodist Episcopal church for more than twenty years, taking great interest in all lines of church work and especially in the Epworth League, which is the young people's department of that organization. Mr. Hollidge is a man of sterling character and agreeable personality, manifesting a helpful interest in every phase of community life, and has won an enviable place in the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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### WALLACE H. CHRISTIE

Wallace H. Christie of Emeryville is regarded as one of Alameda county's leading citizens and men of affairs, having long been actively identified with important business and industrial interests, while in his home community his standing is well indicated by the fact that he has served as mayor of Emeryville continuously since the incorporation of the town, covering a period of thirty-two years.

Mr. Christie was born in Atlanta, Logan county, Illinois, on the 14th of December, 1860, and is a son of James R. and Miriam (Deaver) Christie, both now

deceased. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the service as a captain and honorably discharged with the rank of colonel. He was descended from a long line of American ancestors, the family having been established in this country in about 1719. On the maternal side the Deavers were of French extraction and Mrs. Christie's ancestors located in Maryland in 1655 and by 1672 were living on Lord Baltimore's grant. Her grandfather, John Deaver, was a cadet in the American line and served under General Washington at Valley Forge. He rose to the rank of captain and served throughout the Revolutionary war without pay.

Wallace H. Christie received his educational training in the public schools of his native state and in boyhood learned the art of telegraphy, which vocation he followed for a short time. He then went to the Black Hills in Dakota territory, and in that wild and sparsely settled country he served as messenger for a stage company. Later he became interested in mining, with which he has ever since been identified to some extent. For a time he was general manager of the Idaho Stage Company, which operated in several states, with headquarters in Salt Lake city. In the performance of his duties Mr. Christie did much traveling over the stage routes and was one of the pioneers in the freight and passenger transportation business of the west.

In 1894 Mr. Christie came to the Bay section of California, and shortly afterward located in Emeryville as manager of the Judson Iron Works. He has continued his residence here to the present time and has been one of the leaders in the development and improvement of this section of Alameda county. When Emeryville was incorporated, December 1, 1896, he was chosen mayor and so satisfactorily has been his administration of the municipal affairs that he has held the office by repeated reelections to the present time. During these years he has been actively interested in mining and gold dredging and in recent years has given considerable attention to the oil business.

Mr. Christie was united in marriage to Mrs. Christine (Lees) Golding, of Utah. He is a democrat in his political alignment and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has received the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites, and he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. Everything relating to the well-being and growth of the community or county enlists his earnest support, and his fine public spirit and high type of citizenship have commended him to the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### FRED J. BILLS

One of the rising young attorneys of Alameda county is Fred J. Bills, of Oakland, who, though a comparatively recent addition to the ranks of his profession here, has made a distinctively favorable impression on all who have been associated with him. Mr. Bills was born in Oakland on the 24th of April, 1899, and is a son of John and Theresa Blanche (Kronenberg) Bills, the former born in New York

state and the latter in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. When a boy, the father came across the plains with his parents to California, the family locating in Oakland. Later the grandfather went to eastern Oregon, where he engaged in ranching, remaining there for a number of years, or up to the time of his death, his wife also dying there. After their deaths their son John returned to Oakland, where he engaged in the meat business, in which he met with gratifying success, and continued in that line of business until his death, which occurred July 9, 1927, at the age of sixty-two years. He was a republican in his political views.

Fred J. Bills secured his early education in the public schools of Oakland and graduated from the Fremont high school in 1916. He then entered the University of California, and graduated in 1921 from the College of Letters and Science with the degree of A. B., and in 1922, secured the degree of Master of Arts. Entering the law school of his alma mater, he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1923, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Oakland, having his offices in the Oakland Bank building. Through his untiring zeal in behalf of his clients, his determined prosecution of all causes committed to his care and his strict regard for the noblest ethics and traditions of his profession, he has gained recognition as a safe and dependable lawyer and now has a large clientele.

Mr. Bills is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Young Men's Institute. During the World war Mr. Bills was a member of the students' army training camp at the University of California, in which he served until the close of the war. He belongs to Oakland Parlor, No. 50, N. S. G. W., of which he is a past president and is now a district deputy. He does thoroughly whatever he undertakes, has taken a deep interest in the civic welfare of his city and gives his earnest support to every measure calculated to advance the public interests. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged, while as a member of the bar his position is an enviable one.

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### THOMAS R. COELHO

Thomas R. Coelho, actively identified with agricultural interests of Alameda county, making his home at Junction City, was born at Pico in the Azore islands, February 10, 1865, his parents being Matthias Rose and Mary Joaquin (Peters) Coelho. The family has long been established in the Azores, living there for several generations. Matthias R. Coelho owned a small farm on the island of Pico. Three of his sons, Manuel, Joe and Alexander, came to the United States and, liking the country, they induced their parents and the rest of the family—three sons and two daughters—to come to the new world in 1873. They took up their abode on a farm at San Lorenzo but after about a year removed to Milpitas, Santa Clara county, where they resided for six years and then returned to Alameda county, purchasing the farm on which John R. Coelho now resides. The death of the father occurred when he was sixty-eight years of age and the mother survived to the notable age of ninety-nine years.

Thomas R. Coelho was but eight years of age when he accompanied his parents

is a member of all branches of Masonry and of the Mystic Shrine, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland and Alameda, as well as the Rotary Club, the Union League Club, the Transportation Club, the Shriners Club and the Commuters Club of San Francisco. He is a staunch supporter of the republican party and is now the representative from Alameda county in the state legislature, where he is serving on several important committees. He has led an active and busy life, marked by loyalty and efficiency in every position in which he has served, and in his present line of work is performing a distinct service to the people of California. He possesses a strong individuality, is agreeable and friendly in manner and has won many warm and appreciative friends throughout the Bay district.

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### SIMON JULIUS SIMONS

Simon J. Simons, whose death occurred January 25, 1928, was long one of Hayward's active and successful business men, exercising judgment and enterprise which enabled him to accomplish much in a material way, and throughout the community he commanded the esteem and friendship of all who knew him.

Mr. Simons was born in Narddorf, Amrum island, Schleswig, Germany, on the 6th of March, 1860, and was in the sixty-eighth year of his age at the time of his demise. He was a son of John Carl and Anna Christiana (Nielson) Simons, also were natives of that locality. His father followed the sea in early life but after contracting pneumonia his physician advised him to change his occupation, and he then learned the carpenter trade, in which he became an expert. He built some fine boats; did excellent cabinet work; and was also a good bricklayer. Later he turned his attention to farming and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred in 1881 when he was forty-six years of age. His wife, who remained on the home farm, survived him many years, passing away in 1916 at the age of eighty-one years.

Simon J. Simons, who was the eldest of the seven children, four sons and three daughters, born to his parents, attended the public schools and remained at home until fifteen years of age, when he came to the United States with one of the Jensen brothers, who were large land owners in Alameda county, California. Landing at New York, they traveled overland to this state and located at Hayward, where Mr. Simons went to work on the Jensen brothers' big ranch in Hollis canyon. He was employed there for about five years and then turned his attention to the saloon business, in which he was engaged for several years. In the early '90s he established a bottling business in Hayward, which proved a successful venture, and he carried it on alone until about 1910, when he organized the Hayward Soda Works Company, of which he became president, remaining at the head of that business up to the time of his death, which came as the result of an acute attack of appendicitis. Being a man of keen sagacity in business affairs, he equipped his plant with up-to-date machinery and appliances, and through his industry and progressive methods built up a large and prosperous business.

On June 9, 1886, Mr. Simons was united in marriage to Miss Annie Alena



SIMON J. SIMONS





Hunt, a daughter of John and Emaline (Sharp) Hunt, the former of whom was a native of England and the latter of Connecticut. They were married in that state and at an early day came to California, settling in Hayward, where they spent their remaining years, the father dying in December, 1904. Mrs. Hunt then located near her daughter because of the blindness with which she was afflicted during the later years of her life, and her death occurred in June, 1920. Mr. Hunt was a republican in politics and was held in high regard by his fellowmen. To him and his wife were born two children: Annie Alena and George M., who is deceased. Mrs. Simons, who was born June 14, 1864, is still living in Hayward, enjoying splendid health, and she and her son, John H., are now managing the business established by her husband. To Mr. and Mrs. Simons were born five children, namely: Hall, who died in infancy; John H., who is actively identified with the Hayward Soda Works Company; Edward R., Simon J., Jr., and Helen A.

Mr. Simons was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Oakland, the Sons of Herman at Livermore, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Foresters of America, the Dania Lodge and the U. P. E. C. A man of cordial and friendly manner, kind and generous in disposition, and with a genuine interest in the welfare of his community, he commanded to an unusual degree the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, and his death was deeply regretted by all who knew him. For twenty years he filled the office of town trustee and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

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### JOSE N. ALMEIDA

The business circles of the East Bay district received a valuable addition when Jose N. Almeida located here, for, as treasurer and manager of the Valley Creamery Company, he has proven a man of great energy, natural ability and progressive ideas, while his private life is such as to command the respect of all who have come in contact with him. The Valley Creamery Company, which is located at 477 Twenty-first street, Oakland, is one of the largest and best known concerns in its line in this section of the state, handling large quantities of pasteurized and certified milk and cream. Its officers are C. M. Costa, president; Joseph Pitta, vice president; Joe Gonzalvos, secretary, and Jose N. Almeida, treasurer and manager. The Valley Creamery Company delivers its products throughout Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and San Leandro, for which purpose it utilizes two large Kleiber trucks and six Ford trucks, while one large Kleiber truck, with a trailer, is employed in bringing in the milk from the various dairy farms.

Jose N. Almeida was born in Vizeu, Portugal, on the 3d of January, 1888, and is a son of M. A. and Rosa (Jesus) Santos, also natives of that country. They were there married and became the parents of four sons, namely: Domingos A. Santos, who is a prosperous rancher near Vizeu, Caetano A. Santos, who died in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, leaving a widow and a son; Daniel A. Santos, who resides in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, where he is carrying on the business established there by his father; and Jose N., of this review, who adopted his maternal grandfather's family name, Almeida. His grandfather, whose full name was Ferteunato Almeida, was a

farmer near Vizeu. M. S. Santos, many years ago, went alone to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business, which proved a successful venture, and to it he gave personal attention for a number of years, spending most of his time in South America, but spending about three months each year with his wife and children in Portugal, where they lived. Eventually Mr. Santos, having accumulated a competency, retired and returned to Portugal, where his death occurred about two years ago, when he was nearly seventy-five years of age.

Jose N. Almeida remained with his mother until eighteen years of age, securing his educational training in the public schools, and on his grandfather's farm he learned the fundamentals of horticulture, agriculture and vitaculture, for, in addition to general farming, they raised vegetables, olives and grapes, made wine and extracted olive oil, while at the same time he acquired a knowledge of business methods. He completed his education in the high school at Vizeu and following his father's retirement and return home, the son went to South Africa and took a position as assistant secretary to the governor of Angola, a colony of the Portuguese government. He remained in Angola for two years, in 1909 returned to Portugal and was appointed to a government position in Lisbon, which he held for fourteen months. In the meantime his brother, Caetano A. Santos, had taken over the father's grocery business in Rio de Janeiro and it was arranged that Jose N. should go to that place as an assistant to his brother. He arrived there in 1910 and immediately applied himself to the duties of his new work with such close application that at the end of three months his brother felt that he could entrust the management of the business to him and returned to Portugal on a vacation. Soon afterwards Mr. Almeida became a partner in the business, with which he remained identified until 1917.

He had a great desire to visit the United States, so in 1917 he sold his interest in the Rio de Janeiro business and went to New York city, where he arrived December 17, 1917. He liked this country from his first day here and immediately began to study the English language and American business methods. On February 20, 1918, he arrived in San Francisco, California, and at once entered the public schools, attending forenoon and afternoon sessions for a couple of months, after which he obtained employment in the California Cotton Mills in Oakland, where he worked from one o'clock to ten o'clock, attending the forenoon session of school. He followed that program for six months, when he determined to devote himself exclusively to the completion of his English education and to that end attended three sessions of school a day, morning afternoon and evening. At the end of eight months he resumed his position in the cotton mills, but soon afterward took advantage of what he considered a better business opportunity, becoming a driver for the Valley Creamery Company, in Oakland. He was soon promoted to the position of collector, and, proving his efficiency, was placed in the office. Soon afterward he was appointed manager and, having become convinced of the splendid possibilities of the business, he began investing in it, putting in more and more money at various times, until he is now one of its largest stockholders. He was made treasurer of the company, which position he is still filling, in addition to that of manager, and is now a very important factor in the successful operation of the business, which is showing a steady and substantial growth. He gives close attention to the business

and has shown splendid executive ability and keen discrimination, being held in high esteem by his business associates. Mr. Almeida has taken out his first naturalization papers and is in hearty accord with our national institutions and sentiments, while his cordial and unaffected manner has won for him a host of warm friends throughout the Oakland district.

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### JOHN HINDRIX

John Hindrix, proprietor of Jack's Service Station, at First and A streets Hayward, has attained success because he has worked for it, and the results of his tireless and determined efforts are now apparent in the splendid plant which he owns and the large patronage which he enjoys. He was born in Clinton, Iowa, June 30, 1886, and is a son of John and Mary (Peterson) Hindrix. His father, who is now deceased, was a farmer in Iowa, and his widow is still living in that state.

John Hindrix, of this review, received a good public school education, then learned the art of telegraphy and was for ten years in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, serving as telegraph operator at Minneapolis, St. Paul, Mitchell, South Dakota, and other places. Because of a railroad strike, he quite that line of work and returned home, where he remained until 1914, when he went to San Jose, California, and was for two years with the Alameda Sugar Company. He then came to Hayward and leased his present service station, on which he has made a large number of valuable and desirable improvements, so that his plant is now modern in every respect. He handles Associated gas and various grades of oil, and gives prompt and efficient service, through which he has won the respect and good will of all who have patronized him.

On September 21, 1910, in Iowa, Mr. Hindrix was united in marriage to Miss Rose B. Petty, who was born in Pillsville, Illinois, and is a daughter of John and Susan E. (Watson) Petty. Mr. Hindrix is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. He is a careful, painstaking and efficient business man and well deserves the prosperity which is attending his efforts. He has shown a deep interest in the welfare of his community and his record has gained for him an enviable standing among his acquaintances.

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### REV. OWEN LACEY

For the past eighteen years Rev. Owen Lacey has rendered noteworthy service as pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic church, on Ridgeway street, in the Piedmont district of Oakland. Indeed, to his faithful ministrations and able management may be largely attributed the splendid growth of the parish and its present healthy condition, and his record here has gained for him the respect and esteem of the people of the community, regardless of creed or profession. Father Lacey

was appointed assistant pastor at St. Mary's church at Stockton, California, and his first pastorate was at St. Ann's church at Lodi. In 1910 he came to Oakland and built St. Leo's church in a district which at that time was but sparsely settled. The congregation then comprised fifty families, but during the subsequent years the church has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth until the congregation now numbers four hundred families. In 1926 a new edifice was erected, at a cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is one of the most beautiful Catholic churches in the Bay district. St. Leo's congregation is justifiably proud of their religious home. It is planned to also erect a substantial school building on the grounds in the future. Father Lacey has a well merited reputation as a fluent and effective preacher and has labored untiringly in the work of the parish, in which he has been abundantly rewarded by the outstanding results.

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### CHARLIE REUBEN NAUERT

Charlie R. Nauert, of Alvarado, is numbered among the pioneers of California, having been a resident of this state continuously since 1858, and, after a long and active career, is now enjoying life in well earned retirement. He was born in Buffalo, New York, November 9, 1841, and is a son of George P. and Catherine (Gammer) Nauert, the former born in Buffalo, while the latter was a native of Germany. Mr. Nauert is of French descent in the paternal line, his grandfather having come from France to this country late in the eighteenth century. From the seaboard he went to Buffalo by way of the Erie canal, and in that city was employed as a mechanic in cotton mills. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. George P. Nauert spent practically his entire life in Buffalo, where he was engaged in farming.

Charlie R. Nauert attended the public schools of his native city and there learned the foundry business. In 1858, when seventeen years of age, he started for California, coming by way of the isthmus of Panama, and thence by an old side-wheel steamer to San Francisco, where he arrived on March 17th. Soon afterwards he came to Alvarado, where, with the exception of a short period spent in the mining regions of northern California, he has lived continuously since. His first business venture here was in operating the American Exchange hotel, for four years, after which he became connected with the George H. Tay Company, which was engaged in making stoves and everything else connected with heating. Through his faithful and capable efforts, Mr. Nauert received deserved promotions, becoming manager and later superintendent of the plant, and remained with that concern for forty-seven years, advancing years eventually prompting him to retire.

In 1875 Mr. Nauert was united in marriage to Miss Hattie H. Hyer, a daughter of August and Henrietta (Golestone) Hyer, both natives of Germany. On his emigration to this country, Mr. Hyer made the long voyage around Cape Horn to San Francisco and later went to the mines at Big Oak Flats. He afterward moved back to San Francisco, where he was married and lived for awhile, and then, coming to Alvarado, he established the Empire bakery, which he ran for twenty-five years, when he retired, and he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nauert

have five children, Mildred, August B., Catherine, Oscana and Henry P. Mr. Nauert has always supported the republican party, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for president. The only public office he has held was that of game warden. He retains a vivid recollection of the incidents of the early days of California's settlement, recalling the vigilance committee of 1860 and its effective work in ridding the community of many of its lawless characters. On one occasion Indians and half-breeds killed a man, and the committee promptly captured and hung the half-breeds. In 1870 boats came up from the bay as far as Sugar Mill. The old foundry was built here in 1852 by S. Z. Harner, as a flour mill and bought by Tay Company in 1869. The first flour mill in the state was established here, and the first beet sugar manufactured in the United States was made here by H. Dyer. Mr. Nauert is a man of splendid personal qualities, retaining his physical and mental vigor to a remarkable degree, and during all the years of his residence here has commanded the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen, for he has lived a consistent and upright life and has supported those things which have tended to advance the best interests of the community.

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#### CAPTAIN E. B. ARNOLD

Captain E. B. Arnold is owner of the Fairview Trap Nest farm, in the Fairview district of Hayward. The Captain had a long and honorable record at sea, and is gaining an enviable reputation in his present business. He was born in England on the 18th of June, 1889, and attended school to the age of sixteen years, when he went to sea. He followed that vocation for many years, being successively promoted until eventually he became a captain of steamships, in which capacity he served with the Parr-McCormick Steamship Company, of San Francisco, sailing to various ports of the world. In 1922 the Captain retired from sea service and, coming to Hayward, bought two and a half acres of ground in the Fairview section, back of Hayward. He had made a thorough study of the poultry business, and here he has carried his knowledge into practical effect, conducting his business along scientific lines, and has attained very remarkable results in some respects. He confines his labors practically to single comb White Leghorn chickens, in the breeding of which he has been painstaking and careful, so that his stock is now very highly regarded by poultry authorities. He has about sixteen hundred laying hens, many of which he trap nests, in order to secure reliable information as to their laying abilities. Some of these hens are prize winners, one of them having produced two hundred and ninety-six eggs in one year, while two others produced respectively three hundred and sixteen and three hundred and twelve eggs yearly. Many of his hens average two hundred and fifty eggs and the Captain sells settings from some of them at fifty cents an egg. One of his hens laid twenty-eight eggs in February. He has seven electrically heated brooders and is doing a large business in breeding and selling baby chicks, averaging about ten thousand a year.

The Captain is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a director of the Hayward Poultry Producers Association and a director of the Breeders Association connected with the Alameda County Farm Bureau. He en-

joys the line of business in which he is engaged and in which he is meeting with gratifying success, and throughout the community in which he lives is held in high regard for his excellent personal qualities and his cordial and friendly manner.

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### KARL S. FREDRICKSON

Sweden has contributed to this country some of her best blood, many of her sons not only winning material success here, but also attaining places of honor and distinction. Karl S. Fredrickson, of Oakland, stands in the front rank of the home builders of Alameda county and to a very definite degree has contributed to the growth and development of this section of the Bay district. He was born on a farm in Sweden on the 2d of June, 1889, and, after completing a public school course learned the carpenter trade with his brother. In 1910 he came to the United States, locating first in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he was employed at his trade, and went from there to Detroit, Michigan, in which city he resided until 1919, when he came to Oakland, California.

Soon after locating here he began building and selling good homes, averaging in cost from five thousand to fifteen thousand dollars, and during the subsequent years he has erected and sold about fifty residences. He is an expert architect and draws all of his own plans, so that he is enabled to give each of his houses a distinctiveness not ordinarily to be obtained from standard plans. These homes have been built in Piedmont, Havenscourt, Fernside and subdivisions of Alameda and are among the most attractive residences of these districts. A few years ago, while on a visit to his old home in Sweden, Mr. Fredrickson gained knowledge of a process of making roof tiling from cement and on his return to Oakland purchased the necessary machinery for its manufacture. He has used this roofing on many of his houses and in every case it has proven very satisfactory.

Mr. Fredrickson was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Sunberg, who is a native of Chicago, and they have one child, Harriet, three years of age. Mr. Fredrickson's success is the legitimate reward of his determined and well directed efforts and at all times he has proven worthy of the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellowmen.

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### A. STENBRO

Among those who have attained substantial success in business affairs, and at the same time have contributed in abundant measure to the upbuilding and development of Oakland, specific mention should be made of A. Stenbro, who, as a builder of homes, enjoys well merited prominence, for his operations have been on a large scale and in accordance with the best business methods. He was born on a farm in the northern part of Norway July 28, 1884. His father was a large land owner, possessing four ranches, and was highly successful in his business, while the family was socially prominent in their locality.

A. Stenbro secured a good education in the public schools of his native country and in 1902, at the age of eighteen years, came to the United States, prudently bringing with him enough money to pay his return passage in case he did not like America. He went to Wisconsin, where he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed there and in other sections of the middle-west, traveling to a considerable extent in order to get acquainted with the country. Later he was employed in the construction of depots for the "Soo" railroad, working in Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Canada, and this proved a valuable experience for him in construction work. In 1907 Mr. Stenbro went to San Francisco and in 1911 came to Oakland where he engaged in the building business on his own account. He has made a specialty of building and selling houses, costing from fifty-five hundred dollars up, usually buying a tract of land on which he erects dwellings, many of which are of his own design. He has operated largely in East Oakland, particularly on the Mills Garden tract, the Fourth Avenue Terrace tract and on East Thirty-sixth street. He is thorough and painstaking and his buildings stand in evidence of his honest workmanship and his purpose to build what shall be real homes to those who buy them.

Mr. Stenbro was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Johnson, a native of Norway, and to them have been born six children, Edwin, Alice, Charles and Clifford, twins, Betty and Jane, twins, all of whom were born in this state. Mr. Stenbro is a member of Foothill Lodge, No. 564, A. F. & A. M., and the Scandinavian Society. He is keenly interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community and is regarded as one of its most progressive and substantial citizens, while his genial and affable manner has won for him many warm and loyal friends.

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### JOSEPH COSTELLO

An enterprise of great importance to the building and construction operations of the East Bay district is the quarry and rock crushing plant of Joseph Costello, at San Leandro. Mr. Costello was born at Torino, Italy, on the 14th of October, 1883, and is a son of John and Fermina Costello, the former a farmer. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Joseph, of this review; Louis, who lives in San Leandro and works for his brother in the rock business; Angelo, who lost his life in battle during the World war; Orsola, who was married, and died in Italy at the age of thirty years; and Mary, who is married and lives in Torino, Italy.

Joseph Costello secured what would be equivalent to a grammar school education in his native land and at the age of twelve years went to work at the brick and cement construction business. In 1905, when twenty-two years old, he came to the United States, locating in the coal region of Virginia, where for two years he worked as a coal miner. In 1907 he settled in Oakland, California, where he obtained employment at his trade, which he followed until 1911, when he began contracting on his own account under the firm name of J. Costello. He did the cement work for many foundations, and built a large amount of cement sidewalk, several



large canneries and other important structures in Oakland between 1907 to 1920, and in the latter year came to San Leandro, where he has resided to the present time. Here he continued his former business, but has given particular attention to the development of the crushed rock interests, in which he is meeting with success. On February 1, 1918, he bought the ten acres of land and in 1924 thirty acres additional, on which is situated his quarry and which is a veritable mountain of rock, five hundred feet high. It contains both red and blue rock. The harder blue rock lies deeper under the surface and is reached by a ninety foot tunnel. Mr. Costello has erected powerful rock crushers, graders and bunkers and is prepared to supply either kind of rock in any quantities on short notice. The crushed rock is graded into six sizes and he operates four large trucks of his own and from five to seven hired trucks to deliver the rock. He has supplied an enormous quantity of rock for various purposes throughout this section of the state and has completed a large contract for crushed rock for the Oakland airport. He has practically an inexhaustible supply of rock and is prepared to meet any demands made on him for either kind of rock.

In 1920, in San Francisco, Mr. Costello was united in marriage to Mrs. Eugenia Moschella, a native of Italy and is a daughter of Philip and Josephine Moschella. She came to California in 1904 and is a lady of charming qualities tactful and kindly in manner, and their home is characterized by hospitality and good cheer. They are the parents of a daughter, Gloria, now a bright and interesting little miss of six years. In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Costello paid a visit to their native land and greatly enjoyed meeting their old friends and visiting the scenes of their younger days, but were glad to return to their American home. Three years ago they built their present attractive residence, which overlooks San Leandro and San Francisco bay across to the peninsula of San Mateo county on the west, while to the north in clear view is beautiful Lake Chabot, which is the source of water supply for San Leandro and other East Bay cities. Mr. Costello is a man of marked business ability, exercising sound judgment in all of his operations, and well deserves the title of self-made man, for his present prosperity has been won through his persistent and determined efforts. He is a man of progressive and enterprising spirit, square in all of his dealings, and commands the respect and good will of all who know him.

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#### THOMAS J. KEENAN, JR.

One of the most eminent consulting engineers of Alameda county is Thomas J. Keenan, Jr., of Oakland, who has had extensive and varied experience in engineering, in which he has demonstrated his ability in an unmistakable manner, and now commands a large and remunerative private practice. Mr. Keenan was born in New York city on the 25th of July, 1894, and is a son of Thomas J. and Margaret (Garvie) Keenan. He was educated in the public and high schools of his native city and took the engineering course in Columbia University, and special engineering courses at the University of California. His first position after leaving college was that of draftsman with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York, after which





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he successively served as construction engineer with the Standard Shipbuilding Corporation, as designer for the Standard Oil Company of California, having come to this state in 1915, as assistant chief draftsman for the Hercules Powder Company, as inspector of installations for the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Corporation, as plant engineer for the Union Oil Company of California and as superintendent of construction for T. Ronneberg. For the past five years he has been engaged in the private practice of his profession and as a consulting engineer has gained a large and representative clientele, having designed and assisted in the construction of many large buildings and in the solving of engineering problems. He is now also a member of the board of examiners of the building department of the city of Oakland, in which capacity he has rendered effective service.

Mr. Keenan was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Britton, of New York city, and they are the parents of three children, Eleanor, Milton and Thomas J., III. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the American Association of Engineers and American Society of Civil Engineers. Because of his earnest life, high attainments and efficient service, he is held in high regard in professional circles, while as a private citizen his record has earned for him the respect of his fellowmen.

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#### EDWARD OTIS WEBB

One of Hayward's most successful and highly respected citizens is Edward Otis Webb, who, after a long and active career, is now retired, spending the golden sunset years of life in well earned leisure in his beautiful home on Soto street. A native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, he was born August 31, 1851, and is a son of Otis and Deborah (Cory) Webb, also natives of Massachusetts, the former born at Lynn and the latter at Long Plain. Otis Webb was reared and educated in the Old Bay state and then went to sea on a whaling vessel. He and his brother Hiram brought the first vessel to the west coast after the discovery of gold in California. Leaving the eastern seaboard with a cargo of provisions, they stopped at Valparaiso, Chile, where they took on a load of lumber, and reached San Francisco on New Year's day of 1849. They utilized their lumber in building a store, in which they put their stock of provisions, conducting the store for a short time. Later they made a number of trips with their boat to the Arctic regions, and when they dissolved partnership Hiram remained on the Pacific coast, while Otis Webb returned east, making the trip overland. He then took his family on a tour through Europe, visiting all of the principal cities, and in 1876 again came west, locating in San Lorenzo, Alameda county, where his death occurred. He was a republican in his political views and was a man of marked ability and fine character.

Edward Otis Webb was reared and educated in his native state and in 1870 came west, locating first in Oregon, where he was employed on the engineering staff of the Oregon & California Railroad, which was then controlled by Ben Holiday. Two years later he returned east and made the trip to Europe on the "Glory of the Sea", commanded by Captain Knowles. In 1868 his father bought one hundred acres of land bordering on East Fourteenth street in San Lorenzo, and

when E. O. Webb came west in 1872 he engaged in farming and fruit raising, developing the land into one of the best ranches in this section of the county. In the course of time it became very valuable, being located near the heart of the business district. He lived on this place for fifty-three years, or until 1926, when he sold it and moved into the splendid home which he had built at 107 Soto street, where he now resides. For the past ten years he has been a director of the Bank of Hayward and its vice president for the past four years.

In 1898 Mr. Webb married Miss Henrietta Lehnhart, who was born in San Francisco and is a daughter of Henry and Julia Lehnhart, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to California in an early day, settling first in San Francisco, where the father was connected with Halbrook, Merrill and Company, hardware dealers. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Webb have two children, Otis, and Deborah, who graduated from the University of California in 1928. Mr. Webb is a republican in his political views and has been actively interested in the educational affairs of his community, having served as a trustee of the Hayward high school district for thirty-four years, during thirty years of which period he has been president of the board. A man of marked business ability, sterling integrity of character and strong personality, he has long been numbered among Hayward's most influential and substantial citizens and no resident of this community commands public confidence and respect to a greater degree.

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ago. He is a lover of outdoor life, horses and yachting being his favorite forms of recreation. Cordial and friendly in manner, he is favorably known throughout the city, where he has spent his life, and has a host of warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### GEORGE WINDSOR

Among the residents of Piedmont who have devoted their efforts to the up-building and development of that locality, none takes precedence over George Windsor, who is doing a large business as a building contractor, specializing in the better class of residences, in which work he has been very successful. Mr. Windsor was born in Custer City, in the Black hills of South Dakota, November 3, 1893, and is a direct descendent of Lord Baltimore, who was so prominently identified with the early history of Maryland colony. He attended the public schools of his home district in the Black Hills and then went to Bandon, Coos county, Oregon, where he learned the carpenter trade, at which he was employed there for a number of years. In 1914 he went to San Francisco, where he worked on the construction of the buildings for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, held in 1915. Later in Klamath Falls, Oregon, he worked in sawmills for a short time, and in 1916 came to Oakland, where he was employed in the construction of the Alameda Title and Insurance building, the East Bay Market building, the Durant automobile factory and a number of fine residences. In 1922 Mr. Windsor located in Piedmont and engaged in the contracting business on his own account, in which success has accompanied his efforts. He has erected a large number of fine homes in Piedmont and the Merritt Lake district, among which may be mentioned those of Mrs. Harriet A. Haas, Atlee F. Hunt, J. L. Glikbarg, H. H. Ruh, James E. Waddell, Peter Rock and William E. Sullivan. He has averaged from ten to twelve residences a year and in the executing his contracts is conscientious in every detail of his work. He built and owns a three-story apartment house in Oakland.

Mr. Windsor was united in marriage to Miss Martha Korth, who is a native of San Francisco, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Ann. Mr. Windsor is a member of Live Oak Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., of Oakland. He enjoys the respect and esteem of those who know him and is regarded as one of the substantial and worthy citizens of Piedmont.

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### CHRIS S. NIELSEN

Chris S. Nielsen, who is well known in real estate and insurance circles in Oakland, has had a varied career in different parts of the world, and is a man of wide general information, being a keen observer and a frequent traveler. He was born in Denmark on the 4th of December, 1866, and is a son of N. P. and Mary (Hansen) Sorensen, the former having been a farmer and both died when eighty years of age.



Mr. Nielsen was educated in the public schools of his native land and remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he came to the United States, arriving here September 7, 1887. He was at Fresno, California, for about two years, coming to Oakland in 1889, and engaged in the cement contracting business, particularly in the construction of sidewalks. In June, 1891, he turned his attention to the saloon business, which he carried on until 1898, when he went to the Klondike gold field, where he experienced many hardships in his search for the yellow metal. However, he was fairly successful during the six years that he remained in that territory, and on his return to Oakland, in 1904, engaged in the building and contracting business, which he carried on for several years. He then established a saloon at Twelfth and Franklin streets, later giving his half interest in the place to his partner Peter Olsen, whom he had taken in as a boy and who had accompanied him on his trip to Alaska. In the meantime Mr. Nielsen had taken up the life and fire insurance business, in which he was meeting with success, and about four years ago he also became interested in the real estate business and is still carrying on both lines.

Mr. Nielsen was united in marriage to Miss Nina Eureka Moore, who was born in Placerville, California. He is a staunch republican in his political views, and, fraternally, is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites. He also belongs to the Sciots, of which he is a past topack; the Danish Brotherhood and the Dania. Mr. Nielsen is very fond of traveling and has visited all of the European countries and practically every state in the Union. He is a man of broad views and well defined opinions on public questions, has shown a commendable interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county, and in his business affairs is progressive and enterprising. Personally he is genial and friendly and throughout the range of his acquaintance is held in high regard.

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### WILLIAM T. DAVIS

William T. Davis, editor and publisher of the Pleasanton Times and judge of the city court, is one of the community's most useful citizens and has been a definite factor in the promotion of its material, civic and moral interest. He was born in Ely, White Pine county, Nevada, on the 28th of November, 1886, and secured his education in the public schools of Redwood City, California, to which place his family had moved. When sixteen years of age he went east to learn the printing business, and there became a linotype operator, gaining recognition as an expert. Going to Chicago, he was employed on the Inter Ocean and Tribune, after which he returned to California and worked on various papers in San Francisco and the Tribune and Enquirer in Oakland. He was then employed by the government to take a battery of linotype machines to Porto Rico, where he set them up and operated them for five years. On his return to this country he worked on the San Jose Times until 1916, when he came to Pleasanton and bought the Times, which he has since published. Progressive and enterprising, he has given the community the news while it is news, in an attractive style and free from all objection-

able features, so that the Times is a welcome visitor to most of the homes of this locality. Typographically, it is equal to any of its contemporaries and has proven an excellent advertising medium. Nine years ago Mr. Davis was appointed judge of the city court, and so satisfactory has he discharged the duties of that position that he has been retained in office ever since. Personally and through the columns of his paper, he has been a constant and effectual booster of Pleasanton and has given his earnest support to every measure calculated to advance the public interests in any way.

Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Mura Wilcox, of Hollister, San Benito county, California, and they are the parents of two children, Dorothy and Wilbur. Mr. Davis is a member of Alesal Lodge, No. 321, A. F. & A. M.; San Jose Consistory, A. A. S. R., and the I. D. E. S., a Portuguese society. Personally he is a man of sterling character and inflexible integrity, and owes his success in life to his determination and tireless effort along right lines. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the county, is affable and friendly and commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### HARRY J. MEYER

Among the substantial and prosperous merchants of Hayward Harry J. Meyer holds a prominent place, commanding the respect of his fellowmen because of his business success and his fine personal qualities. He was born in San Francisco, California, December 13, 1893. His parents Henry and Marie (Sieh) Meyer, were born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, the father in Bonnstadt and the mother in Frederickstadt. In 1881 the father came to California, by way of the isthmus of Panama, and went to work in the old Kreig tannery, having learned the business in Germany. About six months later he was made foreman and held that position for a number of years. He then found employment as a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained until 1892, when he opened a grocery store of his own, which he successfully conducted until burned out by the great fire of April, 1906. About six months later he engaged in the liquor business at Ninth and Bryant streets, San Francisco, where he continued until 1912, when he came to Hayward and established a similar business at B and Main streets. He conducted that place until the national prohibition act was passed, since which time he has clerked for E. C. Willis in the Auto Stage cigar store, in the Villa Hotel building. He is now sixty-three years of age. His wife died in San Francisco when her son Harry J. was but six years old. Mr. Meyer is a republican in politics.

Harry J. Meyer spent his boyhood in San Francisco, where in the public schools he received his educational training. For a number of years he worked as a clerk in a grocery store, and later was employed in the feed business until March 1, 1927, when he established his present business at 658 Main street, Hayward, handling all kinds of poultry supplies, seeds, grain, feed, wood and coal. He has a well equipped place of business, carries a large stock and his methods are such as have gained for him a large patronage and the confidence of the public.

On February 19, 1927, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Lena H.

Ebert, who was born in Pierre, South Dakota, and is a daughter of Fred and Magdalene (Ihli) Ebert, the former an early settler in Nevada, where he lived during the busy mining days. Subsequently he moved to Pierre, South Dakota. His wife was born in Germany and when five years of age was brought to this country by her parents, who settled first in Illinois, but later moved to South Dakota, where she was reared and where she met and married Mr. Ebert. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are the parents of a son, Harry John, Jr.

Mr. Meyer is a staunch republican in his political views. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Lions Club, and the American Legion for he is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted June 6, 1917, he was assigned to Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Infantry Regiment, and was first sent to Elko, Nevada, where he performed guard duty. Later he was for eleven months in training at Camp Kearney, and was then ordered overseas. Landing at Liverpool, his regiment entrained for Winchester, England, later proceeding to Southampton, and on August 24, 1918, crossed the channel to La Havre, France. From there they proceeded to their billets at Les Bourdelines, near Nevers, in central France. Later Mr. Meyer was sent to an officers training camp at La Volbonne, east of Lyons, where he remained until several weeks after the signing of the Armistice. He then returned to his company, which embarked April 5th for home, and he was honorably discharged at San Francisco, April 30, 1919. Mr. Meyer is a man of candid and straightforward manner, is giving his close attention to his business and well deserves the success which is crowning his efforts. He has many loyal friends throughout the community and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### ALEXANDER E. ORTON

One of the outstanding construction concerns of the East Bay district is A. E. Orton Master Builders, Inc., which has erected many of the finest and most attractive homes in this locality. A. E. Orton, president of the company, is himself a master builder and to his initiative ability, original ideas and enterprising spirit is largely due the phenomenal success which is attending the enterprise. Born in London, England, on the 8th of May, 1889, he is a son of Ernest Robert and Fanny Elizabeth (Lewrence) Orton. His father came to the United States in 1880, remaining here for a number of years, and then took a trip around the world, covering a year, after which he located in Canada, where he remained about two years. He then returned to England, where he and his wife are living.

Alexander E. Orton attended the public schools of his native city and then went to Canada, where he took a course in civil engineering at the University of Toronto. He served a long apprenticeship at the building trade, and for a number of years was with Sir Blundel Maples. He then did some contracting and served as superintendent of construction until 1914, when he took a trip to Europe and spent about three months at his home. On his return to this country he located in San Francisco, where he served as chief engineer and master mechanic for a large company until 1920, when he came to Oakland. At that time, because of financial

reverses, he had a cash capital of less than twenty-five dollars, besides which he owned a small automobile. He sold the car and made payment on a lot on Sixty-fifth avenue, on which he built a small house, and from that beginning he has steadily advanced in the building business until today he is recognized as one of the leaders in his line in the district. He has built over two hundred homes, employing a large force of men, and also now owns a mill in which he manufactures all interior finish and other material which he uses in his building operations. He has also superintended the erection of a number of large buildings, and during the World war was in charge of the construction of cantonments at the Presidio, San Francisco, having fifteen hundred men under him. In 1918 Mr. Orton, in association with C. C. Morris, incorporated the A. E. Orton Master Builders, the object of which was to meet the demand that one responsible firm should be able to handle with equal efficiency all types of construction, including stores, apartments, garages, warehouses, super-service stations and office buildings, as well as large and small homes. The company is also able to offer a complete building service to the prospective builder, from drawing plans and specifications and furnishing estimates to financing the building. Because of the fact that every detail of construction is handled by one firm, maximum quality and efficiency can be had with the minimum of cost.

Mr. Orton was united in marriage to Miss Emily Elizabeth White, of Canada, and they are the parents of two sons, Alexander and Robert. Mr. Orton is a member of Burlingame Lodge, No. 400, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Sciots, No. 2, of Oakland, and also the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. In his younger days Mr. Orton took an active interest in athletics and while in school held the quarter-mile running record, and was an expert socker player. He gives close attention to the business of which he is the head, in the management of which he has shown sound judgment, and in all of his affairs has been guided by the highest business ethics, so that he commands the confidence and respect of all who have dealt with him.

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### ED DOTY

Probably no personal name is more frequently seen on the streets of Oakland than that of Ed Doty, whose name is impressed on many miles of cement sidewalks which he has constructed here. He has also done an enormous amount of work in other lines of cement contracting, so that he is today one of the best known men in his line of work in the Bay district. Mr. Doty was born in London, Ontario, January 24, 1862, and in early childhood was taken by his parents to Detroit, Michigan, where he was reared and educated. He recalls that Detroit sent some of her fire apparatus to Chicago at the time of the great fire there in October, 1871, the smoke from which was blown across Lake Michigan and darkened the sky for days. He also tells of the millions of passenger pigeons that would fly mornings and evenings, the great flocks shutting out the sun but they were killed in such vast numbers that now none remain. From a small boy he had always been ambitious to go west and in 1881 an opportunity came to him to go to Mon-



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tana to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad, which at that time had been built only as far west as Glendive, Dakota. The western plains were all a great buffalo country and the hides were stacked up along the track like cordwood, but the year in which he made his westward trip and the following year were the last of great buffalo hunting, as the animals by that time had been practically killed off.

Mr. Doty followed the railroad as it was extended westward until he came to what is now Billings and as the town was then developing somewhat rapidly, he started in an independent business venture there, namely hauling water from the Yellowstone and selling it for fifty cents a barrel to the saloons and restaurants. The next year the railroad was completed to the vicinity of Livingston and he freighted into the Yellowstone Park, for it was in that year that this great national park was opened to the public, and all supplies were hauled there from the end of the track at Gardiner by mule and horse teams. The country was rough and unbroken and in those days any path that the wheel of a wagon would go over was called a road. This was before the days of graded roads but there were miles and miles of corduroy roads, built of logs about a foot in diameter laid side by side in the swampy places in order that the wagons might be taken from one rocky point of the valley to another valley. In common with most of the men who came west at that time, Mr. Doty did not consider the land worth anything. It was a common saying that "We had land in the bank and money in Michigan." It was a common thing to drive for days at a stretch through level meadows of grass up to the wagon beds and it could be taken by anyone who wanted it. In a year or two, however, all of the land was homesteaded and Mr. Doty had to go back into the mountains and take up a ranch, every acre of which had to be reclaimed. He spent the following nine years in raising horses and cattle, but the widespread financial panic of the Cleveland administration caused him to lose everything. He then went south to the Crow Indian country and established a sawmill on the West Rosebud. After eight years his health failed because of the high altitude and rigorous climate and he then went to the Hawaiian islands, where he obtained a position as foreman over the bolt and pipe fitters in the Honolulu Iron Works, most of whom were half-breeds, a mixed strain of Kanakas, Portuguese, Chinese and Japs. The confinement of his work was not pleasing to a man who had always lived out of doors, so Mr. Doty left Honolulu and went to the island of Guam, where he met among other Americans the boatswain who was blown up on the Maine in Havana harbor. He had married a Spanish girl and had a family and appeared very happy.

After a year of practical idleness Mr. Doty decided it was time to go back to the white man's country. Proceeding to Honolulu, he soon took a ship bound for the western coast of America and obtained a job on a well rig at Point Richmond, drilling water wells for the Standard Oil Company. When that work was finished he went to San Francisco and joined the Cement Workers Union, being employed on most of the large buildings that were constructed in that city before the earthquake and fire of 1906, including the St. Francis, Flood, Grant, Monadnock and Fairmont Hotels, the American Theater, the Hale Brothers building and many others. There were only two firms that did that class of work in San Francisco at that time and Mr. Doty was in good standing with both, so that he always had employment. Just prior to the earthquake he was working for the

Robeling Construction company on the new wing of the St. Francis Hotel and while lying flat on the floor trying to drive a spike in the concrete in an opening in the floor he slipped into the hole and fell twenty-two feet. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital where it was found that he had a broken arm, a fractured skull and internal injuries. The attending physician said that it was no use to try to do anything for him, for he would not live until morning, but in the morning with a little help he got dressed and proceeded to the office of Dr. Wilson, who was a real man and took him in charge, saying: "You have had a bad crack on the head and may drop dead at any moment, but I am going to take you home and you must be kept quiet." Mr. Doty's arm was swollen so badly that it could not be set but the Doctor bandaged it, made him as comfortable as possible and then left him to return to his office. Then occurred the great earthquake. Dr. Wilson visited Mr. Doty, saying: "Ed, don't get burned up. Stay in bed as long as you can and I will come and see you when I can. I have got to look out for my family, as the fire is coming my way." The family with whom Mr. Doty was staying went to the beach and wanted him to go also, but he said: "There is no hurry until the fire gets near." He had them put the sanitary couch that had castors on it in the street and while lying on it he watched the sights. In the afternoon some of his friends who had been burned out came along and prevailed upon him to go to the Presidio. It was a blistering hot day but they dragged that couch with all of the things which they had saved from their burning homes on it out to the camp. During the night the fire was put under control, stopping about a block from where Mr. Doty lived. During all that time he was almost crazed with his broken arm, and the heat and excitement. Only those who were in San Francisco then know what the people had to endure. All of the cooking had to be done in the streets. They were congratulating themselves that the rains were over when occurred the worst rain that they had had all winter. It was three days before things were straightened out so that they could get regular food. The Doctor finally located Mr. Doty, got him back to bed, set and bandaged the arm, and in the course of time it was apparently as good as ever. The first work he did was on the "Little St. Francis" which was built in the park to house the guests while the main hotel was being rebuilt.

About this time Mr. Doty became engaged to a Miss Watlington, who was living with her brother at No. 72 Madison street in Oakland. The brother, A. L. Watlington, was sent to the Philippines as postmaster and established the post office and mail routes there following the Spanish-American war. During the summer months, as reconstruction work was carried on in San Francisco, Mr. Doty had charge of the cement work for the John Ourish Company and erected a large number of brick buildings. On September of that year he wedded Miss Lizzie Watlington, who was the youngest of a family of four sons and two daughters, the family coming from Madison, Indiana. Since his marriage Mr. Doty has lived in Oakland. In April, 1919, he moved into the cottage which he had built at No. 2487 Twenty-sixth avenue and in which he still resides. Their first child, a daughter, died at birth. The second, Abraham Richard, was born June 11, 1908, completed the work of the Manzaneta school and the Hamilton junior high school and was graduated from the Roosevelt high school. For a year he was associated with his father in the cement business and then took an engin-



earing course in the University of California. He is now president of the Roosevelt High School Alumni Association of six hundred members and he is also a member of the DeMolays and the Native Sons of the Golden West. When twelve years of age he became a Boy Scout, won rank as an Eagle Scout and is still a junior scout master. The Eagle badge was conferred upon him by the Court of Honor, this being the highest class reached in that most wonderful organization—the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Doty has been a member of the Oakland Builders Exchange for twelve years. He is up-to-date in his technical methods, permits nothing but the best of work to be done under his contracts, and has gained a well earned reputation for his honorable dealing and his sound business principles, for which reason he commands the respect of all who deal with him.

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### JOHN ROSE COELHO

John R. Coelho, living in the vicinity of San Lorenzo, is numbered among the successful and well-to-do farmers of Alameda county, and owes his prosperity to his persistent industry, wise economy and sound business judgment, so that his record has earned for him the unqualified respect of his fellowmen. Mr. Coelho was born on the island of Pico, in the Azores, and is a son of Matthias Rose and Mary Joaquin (Peters) Coelho, both of whom are deceased, the father dying when sixty-eight years old and the mother at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. The Coelho family had lived in the Azores for several generations and the father was the owner of a small farm. Three of his sons, Manuel, Joe and Alexander, came to the United States and, having found conditions here to their liking, were followed in 1873 by their parents and the rest of the children, three sons and two daughters, including John R. They settled first on a farm at San Lorenzo, where they remained about one year, and then moved to Milpitas, Santa Clara county, where they lived six years, after which they returned and bought the farm on which John R. now lives, located two miles southeast of San Leandro. This was grain land, besides which they rented two hundred and seventy-five acres of land one mile north of Milpitas.

John R. Coelho worked on his father's farm and there learned to drive teams of two, four and six horses, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of modern farming, his principal products being grain, hay and peas. He never had an opportunity to attend school, but he was a keen observer and has acquired a large fund of accurate information on a wide range of subjects. During the years he applied his efforts closely to his farming operations, in which success crowned his efforts, and in 1926 he sold fifty-two acres of his land south of San Lorenzo for one hundred and four thousand dollars, it being bought by Pelton & Faustina for subdivision purposes and is now known as Junction City. Since then Mr. Coelho has bought two ranches, one of one hundred eighty-seven and a half acres, a mile and three-quarters north of Milpitas, Santa Clara county, and one of thirty-one and a half acres at Warm Springs, the latter being largely planted to prunes. He is still the owner of twenty-eight acres of good land on East Fourteenth street, at

Junction City. In 1926 Mr. Coelho remodeled his residence, in which he installed all modern conveniences, and now has a comfortable and attractive home, in which the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is always in evidence.

On September 22, 1902, at San Pablo, Contra Costa county, Mr. Coelho was united in marriage to Miss Annie Pementel, who was born on Pico island, Azores, and is a daughter of Joaquin and Mary Pementel, and sister of Rev. Pementel, ordained in the United States, now a missionary in Brazil. The mother died in her native homeland and the father's death occurred in 1912, at the age of ninety-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Coelho have six children, John R., Jr., Ralph R., Cosmos R., Matthew R., Annie and Mamie. Denied the opportunity of an education himself, Mr. Coelho has been anxious for his children to get a proper start in life and they all have received high school and college training. All the members of the family belong to the Roman Catholic church, and they stand consistently for all that is best in the life of their community. Mr. Coelho has set a worthy example in the way of right living and is held in high esteem in this locality, while among his associates he is extremely popular.

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#### CHARLES A. BRUCE

Charles A. Bruce, who for nearly forty years has been engaged in general contracting in and around Pleasanton, has done much work that has directly contributed to the development of the eastern end of Alameda county, and all of his business affairs have been conducted in a manner that has gained for him an enviable place in public confidence. Mr. Bruce was born in San Francisco, California, on the 30th of December, 1868, and is a son of one of this state's early pioneer miners, who came here from Salem, Massachusetts. He received the advantage of a good public school education and at the age of seventeen years began to learn the carpenter trade, working in Sunol, Vallejo and Oakland. In 1891 he came to Pleasanton and engaged in building and contracting on his own account, in which he has been distinctively successful. Among the many important contracts which he has handled may be mentioned the First National Bank building, the Bank of Pleasanton building, Pleasanton City Hall, the Fuse Works at Livermore and many fine residences in Pleasanton, and the California Rock plant and the school at Sunol. In early days hops were extensively raised in this valley and Mr. Bruce built a number of hop houses, some of which were the largest in the world. He has also done some heavy construction work, including the Spring Valley Water Company's reservoir at Niles, a concrete flume through the valley, and tunnels and a dam in Calaveras county. He is well equipped for any kind of construction work and all of his contracts have been completed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Bruce was united in marriage to Miss Laura H. MacDougall and to them have been born three children, C. Allan and R. A., who are associated with their father in business, and Charles A., Jr. Though his business makes heavy demands on his time, Mr. Bruce has never neglected his obligations of citizenship and has consistently supported every cause which has been advanced for the betterment of

the community in any way. His ability and public spirit received deserved recognition in his appointment to fill an unexpired term and he was then elected to the office of mayor of Pleasanton, retiring recently at the end of his term. During his administration many important improvements were completed, including three-quarters of a mile of street paving through the center of the city. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Native Sons of the Golden West and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He is widely acquainted throughout the valley, and has proven worthy of the confidence and respect which are accorded him by his fellowmen.

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### ERNEST E. HUNT

Ernest E. (Bud) Hunt, of Oakland, has set a worthy example for young men who are hesitating in taking up life's battles, for from the age of sixteen years his course has been marked by hard work and persistent industry, directed by right principles, and today he is numbered among the most successful men in his line of business in northern California. He was born near the "Borax" Smith tract, in the vicinity of Oakland, on the 25th of May, 1887, and is a son of Ernest E. and Ethel C. (Tripp) Hunt. His father was born in England and at the age of five years was brought to this country by his parents, who located in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1876 he came to California, secured his education in the public schools of Oakland and became a pioneer settler in the Fruitvale district, where he took an active part in public affairs, having served for a number of years as a member of the board of school trustees, during which period he erected a schoolhouse. He later served for a number of years as a collector for the water company. After coming to Alameda county he met his future wife, who was born in New York state and came to California in her girlhood with her father. She is still living in Fruitvale but Mr. Hunt died in 1904.

Ernest E. Hunt secured his education in the public schools of Fruitvale and when sixteen years of age, because of the death of his father, was compelled to take upon himself the support of the family, consisting of his mother and seven children. For six years he worked for the water company, after which he engaged in the real estate business for two years. He then entered the office of the county assessor, where he was employed for ten years, after which he was appointed district manager for the Woodmen of the World, in which capacity he served for five years. For the past five years he has been district manager for the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, having supervision over Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties. In this work he has been more than ordinarily successful and has built up the largest business in health and accident insurance in the northern part of the state, due to his energetic, persistent and progressive methods.

Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Virginia H. Wilson, who was born and reared in Alameda county, and is a member of San Leandro Parlor, N. D. G. W. By a former marriage, Mr. Hunt is the father of two children, Ernest E., Jr., and Maxine M. He is a staunch republican in his political alignment, and is a

member of all branches of masonry, also the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World, and Fruitvale Parlor, N. S. G. W., of which he was one of the organizers and was its first secretary. He gives close attention to his business affairs, but always finds time to work for Oakland and Alameda county, in the progress and development of which he takes a justifiable pride. By a life consistent in motive and action he has earned the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of Oakland's worthy and dependable citizens.

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### FREDRICK CHARLES STEINER

Fredrick Charles Steiner, one of the most successful poultrymen in the Castro valley, has a well improved ranch on Woods street, Hayward, where he has developed a very prosperous and profitable business. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of April, 1886, he is a son of Joseph Adam and Frances (Brecht) Steiner, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was long engaged in the sodawater and soft drink business, which he conducted to the time of his death, which occurred in June, 1910, at the age of forty-eight years. The mother died there in February, 1910, at the age of forty-four years.

Fredrick C. Steiner spent his boyhood days in Pittsburgh, where he attended the public school, after which he was employed in his father's sodawater plant, of which he took charge after his father's death, and also cared for the family for about three years. In 1913 he sold the business and came to California, locating in Richmond, where he was employed by the Standard Oil Company for two years. He then came to Hayward and bought his present place on Woods avenue, overlooking the town and valley, and here he has since been engaged in the poultry business. He has made many substantial improvements on the property, including all of the poultry houses, and now has one of the best equipped chicken farms in the Hayward district. He keeps Single Comb White Leghorn stock, in the handling of which he is more than ordinarily successful, and now has about two thousand laying hens. He hatches about forty thousand chicks a year, which he ships throughout the western country, as well as many to farther eastern points, and he also sells many hatching eggs. He utilizes both electricity and gas for his brooders and incubators, and owing to the purity of his stock, his chicks are strong and healthy, receiving the best care and attention to the time they are shipped. All of his hens are trap nested, and he runs the business on a scientific basis, keeping accurate records of all eggs laid and chickens hatched.

In 1910, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Steiner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Weyand, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania and is a daughter of John Joseph and Susie (Snyder) Weyand, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to this country in young manhood and womanhood, and were married here. Her father was long employed as a roller in the steel mills, which line of work he followed until his death in 1910. He is survived by his widow, who now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Steiner, in Hayward. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have three children, Fredrick Charles and Mary and Harold George, who are attending the Hayward schools. Mr. Steiner is a member of the

Woodmen of the World and the Hayward Rotary Club. He has applied his efforts closely to the development of his business, in which he has earned a high reputation, and he stands among Hayward's most progressive and enterprising citizens, commanding the respect of his fellowmen.

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### JAMES DALZIEL

James Dalziel, president of the Dalziel-Moller Company, a wholesale plumbers' supply house at 1666 Mission street, San Francisco, is a son of Robert and Agnes Dalziel, both of whom were natives of Paisley, Scotland, where they were reared and married. In 1852 they came to California, locating in Sacramento, where the father was a pioneer merchant and later he became a pioneer business man of Oakland, where he conducted a successful plumbing business. The Dalziel building in Oakland is named for this family, having been erected by the sons.

James Dalziel was reared and educated in this state and for many years has been prominently identified with business affairs. For some time he was vice president of the Liberty Bank of San Leandro and is now vice chairman of the advisory board of the Bank of Italy at San Leandro. In 1910 he bought the site of his present home at 1490 Foothill boulevard, San Leandro, and in 1913 erected the commodious and attractive home in which he now lives. He goes to and from his San Francisco office daily and is a popular citizen of San Leandro, having served as a member of the city board of trustees. Mr. Dalziel is a member of Eden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and Eden Chapter, R. A. M., of which he is the present high priest.

On the 1st of June, 1904, at the home of her parents at Twelfth and Castro streets, Oakland, Mr. Dalziel was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Paul and to them have been born five children, namely: Margaret, who died in Oakland at the age of seven and a half years; James Robert, who is now a student in the University of California and is looking forward to a career in the legal profession; Andrew, popularly as "Scotty", attending the San Leandro high school; William Given, also in high school; and Susana Cornelia, in the grammar school.

Mrs. Dalziel was born near Mills College in Alameda county and is a daughter of Joseph J. and Amelia S. (Fiddler) Paul, the latter a native of England, where her father, Dr. Fiddler, was a prominent physician. Mr. Paul was born in Maryland and was a son of Rev. James Paul, who came from England to the United States in an early day, and in 1849 removed to California, serving as one of the pioneer ministers of the Protestant Episcopal church in San Francisco. One of Mrs. Dalziel's uncles was the late Percy Beamish, who for many years was a pioneer clothier on Market street, San Francisco, his sign bearing a great golden bear. Amelia S. Fiddler came to California fifty-seven years ago, at the age of nineteen years, and taught a private school prior to her marriage to Mr. Paul, which occurred at old Brooklyn, now a part of Oakland. Their daughter, Susan A., secured her educational training in the Melrose public school and St. Elizabeth convent in Oakland.

Mrs. Dalziel is numbered among the able, public-spirited and popular residents

of San Leandro, and has long been an important factor in the life of this community. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in San Leandro and is the president of the Women's Aid Society. She is president of the Parent-Teacher Association of the McKinley grammar school of San Leandro, is a past president of the Alta Mira Club and belongs to the Ebell Club of Oakland. She is chairman of the central republican committee for San Leandro. By a large popular vote, she was elected a member of the board of city trustees, in which capacity she gave thoughtful attention to the welfare and best interests of her community. She was the only woman ever elected to that office in San Leandro. She with Mrs. Flora Anderson and Mr. Harwell were instrumental in having a dentist appointed to take care of the teeth of all the children in the San Leandro schools. She was presented with a Red Cross badge with white stripe, showing fourteen hundred hours of work during the flu epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel have at all times given their earnest support to all measures having for their object the betterment and development of San Leandro and are numbered among its most highly regarded citizens, while their social qualities have earned for them a well merited popularity.

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#### GRANT D. MILLER

Grant D. Miller, one of California's loyal sons, is a well known mortician of Oakland and for thirteen years he has ably filled the important office of county coroner. He was born November 24, 1863, in Amador county. His father, David R. Miller, was a native of Ohio and when a boy he came to the Golden state by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He was one of the early blacksmiths of Amador county but later devoted his attention to the cultivation and improvement of his ranch. His wife, Julia (Hinkson) Miller, was born in Missouri and came to California with her parents, whose family at that time consisted of four sons and two daughters. They started in 1848, making the long and hazardous overland journey in a covered wagon, and arrived at their destination in 1849. The family settled in Amador county and experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life in California. Some of Mrs. Miller's relatives were Indian scouts and one of her sisters became the wife of a son of Daniel Boone.

Reared on the family homestead, Grant D. Miller attended a little red school-house situated on a neighboring hill and in 1881 was sent by his father to the Pacific Business College in San Francisco. He secured his first position with the Wells Fargo Express Company and he was next in the employ of John J. Valentine. In 1883 he went to the mining district of California, discharging the duties of clerk, and later was made assistant superintendent. He was thus engaged until the latter part of 1884 and afterward worked for a season on a threshing machine owned by Thomas Young. In partnership with his father, Mr. Miller rented a wheat ranch of two thousand acres and successfully followed agricultural pursuits for a period of sixteen years, at one time cultivating sixteen thousand acres of land. The father and son were numbered among the foremost ranchers in this part of the state and in 1890 the former planted the first fruit



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orchard in Merced county. In 1898 Grant D. Miller was a candidate for the office of county treasurer of Merced county but the election was won by his opponent. Coming to Oakland with no capital save energy, determination and keen powers of discernment, Mr. Miller made the most of his opportunities and is now a successful business man. For some time he was in the employ of the well known firm of S. T. Wood & Company, funeral directors, and in 1906 purchased the business, which he has since conducted. In 1912 he constructed the nucleus of his present establishment, which was enlarged until he now has the largest mortuary in the state, the building being one hundred by one hundred and seventy-five feet, taking in an entire block at 14th street and Miller avenue, and twenty-four people are employed, and his funeral home is now regarded as the best equipped in the state. It is modern to the ultimate degree and the service is unexcelled.

At Fresno, California, Mr. Miller was married in 1894 to Miss Nella Wood, who was born in Kansas. Her father was a Baptist minister who came to California when she was but a year old. Mrs. Miller became the mother of three children, a son and two daughters, and on June 8, 1926, she was called to her final rest. Marjorie, the surviving daughter, is the wife of Robert MacNeur, Jr., manager of the American Trust Company, and they have three children: Jean, Robert and Grant.

Mr. Miller is justly proud of his grandchildren and finds much enjoyment in their society. In politics he is a republican and in 1914 was elected county coroner. His duties are performed with conscientiousness and efficiency and his long retention in the office proves that his services are thoroughly appreciated. He was also one of the first five directors serving on the utility board to secure a supply of mountain water for the Alameda district. He is connected with all branches of the Masonic order and since 1894 has been identified with the Native Sons of the Golden West, being an ex-president of Brooklyn Parlor. Much of his leisure is spent in the open and golf is his favorite sport. A lifelong resident of California, he has witnessed many phases of its development and his conversation spans the past in interesting reminiscences. In all matters of citizenship he is loyal, progressive and public-spirited and his genuine worth is attested by a wide circle of steadfast friends.

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### PETER MARTIN LISSE

One of the leading places of public entertainment in Oakland is the Rainbow cafe, at 1218 Broadway, owned and conducted by Peter M. Lisse, who has here attained an outstanding success, for his progressive methods and painstaking attention to the needs and tastes of his patrons have gained for him well deserved popularity among the representative people of the city. Mr. Lisse was born in Austria, on the 15th of November, 1889, and is a son of Martin and Annie (Plemich) Lisse. The father was a farmer and both died in their native land.

P. M. Lisse received a good education in the public schools of Austria and remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to the United States. Coming at once to Oakland, he was employed for awhile in restaurants,

but later went to San Francisco, where for a short time he engaged in business. On his return to this city he became manager of the Peerless cafe, which position he held for ten years, and in 1925 he bought the Rainbow cafe, which he has conducted to the present time. He is by nature and training well adapted to this business and his success has been commensurate with the earnest efforts he has put forth to make his place the leader in its line here. In connection with the cafe he operates a well equipped bakery and employs forty-three people in all departments, giving public service all day and serving special meals when desired. He has a spacious banquet room for parties, with a fine dancing floor, and his place has steadily grown in popularity. It has a seating capacity of four hundred. Mr. Lisse is a member of several lodges and clubs. He is held in high esteem throughout the range of his acquaintance, for he is a man of earnest purpose and sterling qualities of character.

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### ALBERT T. SHINE

The bar of Alameda county has no more worthy member than Albert T. Shine, who for nearly twenty years has been numbered among the active, capable and successful attorneys of Oakland. During this period he has commanded a large and representative clientele and has well earned a reputation as a learned, able and dependable lawyer. Mr. Shine was born in Woodside, San Mateo county, California, on the 20th of December, 1883, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Boyd) Shine. His father was a pioneer of California, having come here in a sailing vessel in 1852, and for a number of years he devoted his attention to mining. He later located in San Mateo county, where he engaged in farming during the remainder of his active life, his death occurring April 4, 1900. His wife, who came from Australia to this country in her girlhood, was married to Mr. Shine in San Mateo, and is now, at the age of eighty years, residing in Palo Alto, Santa Clara county.

Albert T. Shine attended the public schools and the Sequoia high school at Redwood city, from which he was graduated in 1902. He then entered St. Mary's College, at Oakland, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1906, while in 1912 he received from his alma mater the Master's degree. He next matriculated in the law school of the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and on May 13th of that year was admitted to the bar. He immediately engaged in the practice of his profession, opening the office which he still occupies in the Oakland Bank building, and is still engaged in the general practice of law. He has appeared as counsel in connection with much of the important litigation in the courts of this county and has been uniformly successful, both as trial lawyer and office counselor. During the past eight years Mr. Shine has also served as state inheritance tax appraiser.

Mr. Shine was united in marriage to Miss E. M. Kelly, who was born, reared and educated in Oakland, and they are the parents of a daughter, Evelyn Marie. Mr. Shine is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal

Order of Moose, the Knights of Columbus, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Press Club, the Athens Athletic Club and the Lions Club, and maintains professional affiliation with the State Bar Association. He has been a diligent and honorable worker in his profession and has met with gratifying success, while his career has been characterized by honorable purpose and worthy accomplishment. Because of this, as well as his splendid personal qualities, he commands to a marked degree the respect and friendship of all who know him.

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### MICHAEL G. CALLAGHAN

A resourceful business man of seasoned judgment and an astute financier, Michael G. Callaghan has contributed his full share to the progress of Livermore, where he has made his home for over forty years. Here he is serving as postmaster, an office which he has acceptably filled for several years. He was born in Ireland, November 21, 1870, and received his education in his native country. When a youth of sixteen he left the Emerald isle and since June 21, 1885, has been a resident of Livermore. For several years he devoted his energies to stock raising and in 1898 embarked in the warehouse business, in connection with which he insured hay and grain. In 1904 he organized the Callaghan Warehouse Company and was identified with the corporation until April, 1916, establishing a business of large proportions. Meanwhile he had become a successful realtor and during 1908 and 1909 bought the right of way for the line of the Western Pacific Railroad in Livermore valley. In 1913 he was appointed by the city and county of San Francisco to appraise all lands of the Spring Valley Water Company in Alameda and Santa Clara counties for the rate case which was tried in San Francisco in the United States court for the northern district of California. This commission Mr. Callaghan satisfactorily executed and in 1913 was chosen by the board of supervisors of Alameda county a member of the county exposition commission, now known as the Alameda county development commission, which had charge of the county's exhibit at the World's Fair in San Francisco, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and also at the Panama-California Exposition in San Diego. He now acts as vice chairman of the advisory board of the Livermore branch of the Bank of Italy and his name lends added prestige to the institution, which has been one of the chief factors in the development of this locality.

In 1898 Mr. Callaghan married Miss Mary E. Gallagher, a native of California and a member of one of its pioneer families. They have become the parents of four sons: Phillip P., who is in the employ of the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company; Richard M., who was graduated from the University of Santa Clara and was recently admitted to the bar; and Robert Lewis and Lincoln Francis, both of whom are high school students.

An adherent of the democratic party, Mr. Callaghan was appointed postmaster of Livermore by President Wilson and for three administrations has been retained in the office in recognition of his worth. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, the Foresters of America and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Callaghan has

been the recipient of important trusts, all of which have been faithfully and efficiently fulfilled, and combines in his character all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

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### JOSEPH A. BORGES

Joseph A. Borges, owner of one of the best orchards in the vicinity of Hayward, has exercised excellent judgment in the management of his business, in which he is meeting with distinctive success. He was born in Hayward on the 30th of November, 1877, and is a son of Joseph S. and Mary (Cordoza) Borges. His father was born and reared in the Azores islands, where he followed farming for a number of years. He then became a sailor and followed the sea for ten years, at the end of which time he came to the United States. Locating in California, he gave his attention to mining for some years, and then took up farming near Hayward, which he followed during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1905, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother died about 1912, when seventy-six years of age.

Joseph A. Borges was educated in the public schools of Hayward and then engaged in farming and fruit raising. He inherited the old home place of fourteen acres of good land, practically all of which is in orchard, consisting mainly of apricots and pears. His place is well improved and is maintained at the highest standard of excellence, so that it is regarded as one of the best-kept fruit farms in this vicinity.

In 1900 Mr. Borges was united in marriage to Miss Nora Smith, a daughter of John G. and Mary (Mills) Smith, both of whom were natives of the Azores islands. On coming to California, Mr. Smith engaged in farming and fruit raising near Hayward, following that business until his death. His widow is still living on the old home place with a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Borges are the parents of three children, Helen, Arthur and James. Mr. Borges is a member of the U. P. E. C. and, because of his ability, industry, splendid character and friendly manner, is held in high esteem throughout the community in which he has spent his life.

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### MANUEL S. BRANDON

Manuel S. Brandon, owner of the Brandon Memorial Studio, at Hayward, is meeting with marked success, having built up a large and steadily growing business, in the management of which he has shown sound judgment and good taste. Born at Warm Springs, Alameda county, California, on the 2d of April, 1883, he is a son of Manuel and Adelaide (Trinidad) Brandon, the former born in the Azores islands and the latter in Massachusetts. The father was educated in his native land and when eighteen years of age emigrated to the United States, landing on the east coast. He came across the country to Hayward, where he engaged in farming, and was married here. In 1916 he moved to San Jose, where he

bought a ranch, on which he and his wife are still living, at the respective ages of seventy-two and sixty-two years. Mr. Brandon is a republican in politics and is a member of the I. D. E. S.

Manuel S. Brandon received a good public school education and during his early years worked on his father's farm and at other occupations. In 1910 he moved to Hayward and later engaged in the monument business on Castro street, in which he met with encouraging success, remaining at his first location until April, 1927, when he moved to his present place of business on the Niles road, where he erected an attractive home and business building. Here he has a fine show court for the display of his goods and is well situated for the handling of the large business which he now enjoys. His tombstones are of both granite and marble, many of them being imported, while others come from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri and California.

In 1910 Mr. Brandon was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Mills, a daughter of Joseph and Isabelle (Coelho) Mills, and they have a daughter, Isabelle. Mr. Brandon gives his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus. A man of sterling character and sound principles, he has conducted his business in a way that has gained for him the uniform respect and confidence of the community, while his genial and affable manner has won him the friendship and good will of all who know him.

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### J. W. McClymonds

In the history of educational progress in Alameda county no name stands out more prominently than that of J. W. McClymonds, who for twenty-five years rendered splendid service as superintendent of schools of Oakland. Well educated, naturally adapted to the work to which he devoted his life and possessing marked executive ability, he made a deep and lasting impression on the educational affairs of his city and his death occasioned an irreparable loss to the community which had been honored by his labors and his citizenship. Mr. McClymonds, born in Portersville, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1848, was educated in the public schools of his native state and in Westminster College, from which he was graduated. In 1871 he went to Kansas, where he spent a year and a half, and then came to California, of which state he was a resident to the time of his death, on March 7, 1922. In 1873 he accepted the appointment as teacher in one of the country schools of Sonoma county, after which he became principal of the Healdsburg grammar school. He served three years as principal of the Petaluma high school and six years as principal of the San Leandro high school. Then he came to Oakland as principal of the Lincoln school, which position he held for three years, and in 1888 was made superintendent of the city schools, which position he held until his retirement some years prior to his death. During this long period many changes were effected in the city school system, both as to methods and equipment, but so closely did Mr. McClymonds keep in touch with advanced educational methods that he was always the leader in all changes for the betterment of the schools. So greatly were his

effective efforts and his devotion to the schools appreciated by the people of his city that one of its schools is named in his honor.

In 1873 Mr. McClymonds was united in marriage to Miss Virginia M. Smith, of San Francisco, and they became the parents of three children, Mrs. Dudley Kinsell and Vance McClymonds. The last named is one of Oakland's prominent and successful attorneys, being a member of the well-known law firm of McClymonds & Wells, with offices in the Oakland Bank building. Another son, Roy McClymonds, died in 1899. A man of vigorous mentality and strong moral fiber, Mr. McClymonds exerted a strong influence on all with whom he came in contact, and his high ideals and enthusiastic interest in his work enabled him to so direct the educational affairs of his city as to give the schools a wide prestige throughout educational circles. Personally, he was courteous and kindly in manner, loyal and constant in his friendships, and throughout the range of his acquaintance he commanded the highest respect and esteem.

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#### MISS FLORA A. MCAUSLAN

Hayward and the territory contiguous to it are under an everlasting debt of gratitude to Miss Flora A. McAuslan for what she accomplished here in establishing and maintaining a sanitarium and hospital, particularly at a time when such institutions were comparatively scarce, and in a sense almost inaccessible owing to the difficulty of travel over the unimproved roads of that period. She carried on her enterprise in the face of many obstacles and eventually had the satisfaction of seeing it become one of the leading hospitals of this section of the county. Miss McAuslan was born in Sutter county, California, and is a daughter of William and Mary (Muir) McAuslan, both of whom were natives of Scotland, the father born in Dumbartonshire and the mother in Ayrshire. They were married in that country and in an early day embarked on a sailing vessel for the United States, being six weeks on the voyage. Mr. McAuslan's parents also came with them. They settled in Utah, but later came to California, being guarded by a detachment of soldiers during the trip, which at that period was attended with danger. Locating near Marysville, Sutter county, they took up a tract of government land, which they improved and developed into a good homestead, and there the grandparents died. In 1867 Mr. McAuslan brought his family to Hayward, where he successfully engaged in farming, and retiring from active affairs some time prior to his death, which occurred in 1897. He was survived a number of years by his widow, who passed away in 1924. Mr. McAuslan was independent in his political views, and he was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. While living near Marysville, he had a general store and was regarded as an able business man, commanding the respect of all who knew him.

Flora A. McAuslan was reared in Hayward and secured her education in the public schools. In 1886 she entered the Children's Hospital of San Francisco, the first institution of its kind on the Pacific coast, from which she was graduated as a trained nurse in 1888. She followed her profession in San Francisco for a number of years and in 1895 returned to Hayward and built the Hayward Sanitarium

on Castro street. This was also used as a hospital, and she conducted the institution very successfully until 1911, winning a wide reputation for her professional ability, as well as for her broad human sympathy and her deep personal interest in the sick and afflicted. In 1911 she rented the building and equipment, which is now known as the Hayward General Hospital and is in charge of Mrs. Lucile Tomley. The latter was born in Eyton, England, in 1886, received her education in private schools there, and after coming to the United States took up hospital work, in which she engaged for some time at Vancouver, British Columbia. She is thoroughly competent and is rendering splendid service in her present position. When Miss McAuslan first established the hospital, practically no public improvements had been made in this section of the county, and she is regarded as the pioneer in her special line of effort in this locality, laying the foundation for the fine institution into which it has developed. In 1911 she made a substantial addition to the hospital building, and also has a comfortable home adjoining that building. The service which she rendered to her community in those early days is much appreciated and no resident of Hayward commands to a greater degree than she the respect and esteem of the people. Because of her splendid record and her gracious and tactful manner she has a large circle of warm and devoted friends.

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#### PATRICK C. QUINN

To Patrick C. Quinn, of Pleasanton, belongs the honor and distinction of having served as a justice of the peace longer than any other man in California, and he is still discharging his judicial duties in a manner that will mean his continued service as long as he desires the office. Mr. Quinn was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, on the 5th of July, 1849, and there acquired his education in the public schools. In 1886, when a lad of sixteen years, he emigrated to the United States, landing at Boston, Massachusetts. From there he went to Albany, New York, where he had a brother and sister and later he went to New York city. He learned the trade of carriage-painting and then went to work in the car shops of the New York Central Railroad, being employed in painting cars. He was afterwards with the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the same capacity in its New Jersey shops. In 1877 he came to California, making the journey by way of the isthmus of Panama, where the French were then engaged in their futile attempt to construct a canal. Landing in San Francisco, he soon found employment at his trade, working there until February 22, 1880, when he came to Pleasanton, which at that time was but a hamlet. He recalls the way in which local mail was handled in those early days. The letters were left at a general store and the people of the neighborhood would come in, look over the mail themselves, picking out what belonged to them, and, of course, scrutinizing the remainder. In the year 1898 Mr. Quinn was elected justice of the peace and he has, by successive reelections year after year, without opposition, retained the office to the present time, a period of thirty years. During twenty years of this period he also held the office of city recorder. A man of clear-headed judgment and a sound sense of justice and fairness, he has



rendered a valuable service to his community and to a marked degree has commanded the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Quinn was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Carolan, and they now have two daughters, May and Anna. Mr. Quinn has dignified his office and honored his community by his long and able service and throughout the section of the county where he lives he has many warm and admiring friends.

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### THOMAS F. RIGNEY

Thomas F. Rigney, owner of the Rigney Tile Company, of Oakland, is one of the oldest tile men in the United States in point of years of continuous identification with the business, and in the East Bay district he has done a large amount of important contracting in this line, his success being founded on the sound principles of high grade work at right prices. Mr. Rigney was born in New York city, October 18, 1854, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Morrissey) Rigney. He was reared at home and secured his education in the public schools of New York, after which he learned the tile business, in which he was employed there until thirty years of age. He had charge of setting the tile work of the south porch of the White House, Washington, D. C., which was done during President Benjamin Harrison's administration. That work has attracted the attention of world travelers and has been very favorably commented upon.

Going to Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Rigney went to work as a tilesetter for the United States Tile Company, remaining in that city for some time. Later he returned to New York for a brief visit, after which he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for two years. From there he went to Kansas City, where he was employed by a Mr. Richardson until business became poor, when he returned to Indianapolis, and engaged in the tile business on his own account in partnership with Walter Bradley and Richard May. Later he and Mr. May bought Mr. Bradley's interest in the business, and several years later Mr. Rigney sold his interest to his partner and returned to New York. From there he came to California and entered the employ of W. W. Montague, of San Francisco, remaining with that gentleman two years, and was then with the Bush & Mallett Company, dealers in tile. Later he went into the tile business in partnership with Joseph Mazeau, but afterwards bought his partner out and ran the business under his own name for awhile. He extended his operations by buying out the California Tile & Mantel Company, and also established a branch in Oakland, under the name of the Oakland Tile & Mantel Company. In 1917 he moved to Oakland and established the Rigney Tile Company, which he has conducted to the present time and in the operation of which he has met with a very satisfactory measure of prosperity. Mr. Rigney's first large contract after going into business in San Francisco was the Wells-Fargo building, and his second was the Owl drug store. Since then he has handled many important jobs throughout this section of the state, among which may be mentioned the Emporium, San Francisco's largest department store, the courthouse at Sacramento, the Elks' buildings in both Oakland and San Francisco and the federal building in San Francisco, the Athens Athletic





THOMAS F. RIGNEY



Club building, St. Mary's College at Moraga, Capwell's market, the large Community Home at 244 Lakeside drive, and many other important contracts in Alameda county and in Santa Barbara and Merced, this state. Mr. Rigney has always been exact and painstaking in all of his work and has a well established reputation for absolute reliability in all of his business engagements.

In 1884 Mr. Rigney was united in marriage to Miss Anna Powers, who was born and reared in New York, and is a daughter of Dennis and Anne (Reay) Powers, and to this union have been born nine children, Mary, Joseph, William, Arthur, Thomas F., Jr., George, Anna, Alice and Walter, of whom Mary and Anna are deceased. The five sons are all connected with their father's business and have been important factors in its success. William Rigney is a member of the Builders Exchanges in San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond. Mr. Rigney owes his success to his determined and persistent efforts, backed by sound judgment and honorable business methods, and today no resident of Oakland commands to a greater degree the confidence and respect of those who know him or have had dealings with him.

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### FRANK E. MCGUIRE

Frank E. McGuire, who has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Oakland for more than twenty-five years, is regarded as one of the ablest and most reliable attorneys of this locality, commanding a large and representative clientele, and is one of Oakland's most useful and public-spirited citizens. He was born in this city, December 29, 1879, and is a son of William and Maria (Cavanagh) McGuire. His father became a resident of Oakland in 1862 and the mother came here from New York state in 1869, their marriage occurring here. William McGuire was one of the early contractors and builders of this section of California, having erected many of the early business blocks in Oakland and San Francisco, and did much grading for railroads here in early days. Both parents are deceased, the mother dying in December, 1912, and the father, June 2, 1914.

Frank E. McGuire secured his early education in the public schools of Oakland and also attended St. Mary's College, in this city. He then entered the law school of Yale University, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1901. In the following year he engaged in the practice of his profession in Oakland, to which he has devoted his time and attention continuously since. He has been identified as counsel with many important cases tried in the courts of Alameda county, and has proven himself a keen, astute and skillful attorney, while no member of the local bar holds a higher place in public esteem.

In 1914, Mr. McGuire was united in marriage to Miss Grace Mulliken, whose mother, who bore the family name of Taylor, was the first white child born in Sonoma county, California. In his political views Mr. McGuire is a democrat, but reserves the right to support the candidates whom he believes to be best qualified for the offices they seek. He is a member of the California State Bar Association. Though a busy man professionally, Mr. McGuire is a great lover of his home, in which he finds his greatest pleasure, while his favorite forms of recreation are

fishing and duck hunting. Genial and unaffected in manner, he is exceedingly popular among his associates, while all who have come in contact with him hold him in the highest esteem, appreciating his ability as a lawyer and his worth as a man and citizen.

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### PETER M. VERZIC

In the life and character of Peter M. Verzie, the well known baker at Hayward, there have been exemplified the traits essential to success in any undertaking—a thorough technical knowledge of his business, industry, ambition and sound judgment, and he has well merited the splendid success which is now his. Mr. Verzie was born in Austria, on June 17, 1832, and is a son of Mile and Eva (Vukela) Verzie, the former a farmer. He received his education in the schools of his home neighborhood and remained on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, when, in the hope of finding better opportunity for individual advancement than existed in his own country, he came to the United States. Locating in Chicago, Illinois, he learned the bakers' trade, after which he was employed in several bakeries in that city, rising to the position of foreman. Going to St. Paul, Minnesota, he worked there a short time, and later was in Spokane, Washington, and in North Yakima, that state, where he remained for eleven months. On December 26, 1906, he went to San Francisco, California, where he worked for the California Baking Company, for a short time, and was also in Monterey, this state, working there until November, 1907, when he came to Hayward. His stay was short, however, as he returned to San Francisco in two weeks, but in March, 1908, he again came to Hayward, where he was employed at his trade until April, 1909, when he bought his present business, which at that time was located at 641 Castro street. He applied himself closely to building up his business, in which he met with encouraging success, and on October 1, 1922, he moved to his present location at 650 Castro street, where he now has one of the most complete and up-to-date baking plants in northern California. At first he operated but three ovens, but in order to meet the steadily increasing demand for his products, he was compelled to enlarge his plant. To this end, he erected an addition, forty-three by ninety feet, and installed an additional oven. He employs thirty people and the ovens are operated continuously, day and night, while the bakery products are carefully maintained at the highest possible standard, which has been the underlying secret of the success of the business. Mr. Verzie makes a specialty of coffee cake, which has become immensely popular, and he now turns out more coffee cake than any other bakery in this section of the state. The shop is strictly sanitary to the last degree and Mr. Verzie has installed lockers and shower baths for the use of his employes. He has ten delivery wagons and his business covers a large territory and is steadily broadening.

In August, 1909, Mr. Verzie was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cleland, who was born in San Lorenzo, Alameda county, and is a daughter of Samuel and Katie Cleland, who were early settlers in that locality, and the former at one time owned a large acreage here. Mr. Verzie gives his political support to the republican party, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the

World, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the I. D. E. S., the U. P. E. C., the Lions Club and the Service Club. He is a busy man, but always stands ready to cooperate in the advancement of measures for the betterment of his community and gives generously to all worthy causes. Because of his good business record, his sterling qualities and his agreeable manner, he commands the respect and good will of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of Hayward.

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### GILMAN W. BACON

The name of Gilman W. Bacon is written high on the list of the public officials of Alameda county, for his long tenure of the office of county recorder stands in unmistakable evidence of his loyal and efficient service and his popularity among the people. Mr. Bacon was born in Randolph, Vermont, on the 22nd of October, 1864, and is a son of Frank and Ancelia (Perrin) Bacon. He received his educational training in the public schools of his native city and in Denver, Colorado, and was graduated from a business college in the latter city. In 1885 he came to Oakland, where he has since resided. He went to work for the Oakland Street Railway Company, in the service of which corporation he remained for sixteen years. In 1902 he was nominated on the union labor ticket for the office of county auditor, was elected by a good majority and discharged his duties in an able and satisfactory manner. At the expiration of his term he became identified with the Franklin Association of Master Printers as auditor, which position he held for a number of years. In 1910 he was elected to the office of county recorder and, by successive reelections, has been retained in that position to the present time.

On August 4, 1887, Mr. Bacon was united in marriage to Miss Hester E. Wood, of Oakland. He is a member of Sequoia Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Oakland Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Oakland Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.; Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S.; Oakland Lodge No. 401, I. O. O. F., and the Carmen's Social and Benevolent Society. Mr. Bacon has always been a consistent and earnest advocate of good government and public improvement. The cause of labor has had in him a constant and dependable friend and he has been an active worker therefor ever since he took up his residence here. A man of sterling character and pleasing personality, he commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is deservedly popular among his acquaintances.

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### L. C. MEANS

L. C. Means, the efficient superintendent of Plant No. 45 of the California Packing Company, at Berkeley, has held that responsible position for seven years, which fact stands in evidence of the satisfactory character of the service he has rendered. Mr. Means was born in Eldora, Iowa, December 4, 1884, and is a son of

James and Olive (Davis) Means. He was reared in that state, attending the public schools and graduated from the high school at Delmar in 1901. He at once started to make his own way in the world and entered the employ of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad, his first work being in the roundhouse at Dubuque. He continued there until 1907, when he was transferred to Chicago, where he remained two years, when he resigned and entered the office of the Libby, McNeill & Libby Company, at the stockyards in that city. There his loyal and effective service won for him deserved promotions, and in 1914 he was sent to Sacramento, California, in the interests of his employers. Later he resigned his position with the Libby Company and went to work for the California Packing Company. Here too he won advancement, being made a foreman, and eventually superintendent, in which capacity he has served for eight years, having been transferred from Sacramento to Berkeley in 1921. Plant No. 45, which is one of the one hundred and forty-five packing plants owned by this great company, puts up the famous "Del Monte" brand of fruits, fruit salads and catsups, besides six other grades. The "Del Monte" brand is of supreme excellence being unsurpassed by any other brand of canned goods put up in this country. The chief products of this plant are apricots, peaches, pears and tomatoes. During the canning season, which lasts from June to the last of December, the factory is a busy place, especially during the height of the season, in August and September, when one hundred and fifty men and three hundred and fifty women are employed, and it is then that a superintendent shows his mettle. Mr. Means has shown fine executive ability, while his tactfulness and cheerful manner have had much to do with his successful management of the large force under him during the busy season. He accomplishes his purposes without friction, at the same time securing maximum results.

In 1904, in Chicago, Mr. Means was united in marriage to Miss May Lawrence, who was born in Galena, Illinois. They are the parents of a daughter, Bernice, who is a graduate of the Berkeley high school and is now employed as floor lady at the plant of which her father is superintendent. Mr. Means is a man of outstanding personal qualities, being cordial in manner, alive to everything affecting the welfare of his city, and devoted to the interests of his employers, so that he has well earned the respect and esteem which are accorded him throughout the community in which he lives.

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### RAMSEY PROBASCO

Ramsey Probasco, of Berkeley, has a well established reputation as an able and dependable lawyer and enjoys a large and remunerative clientage, having been actively engaged in the practice of his profession here for the past fifteen years. He was born in Glendale, Hamilton county, Ohio, on the 11th of November, 1880, and is a son of Harry Russell and Minnie (Moulton) Probasco, the former born in Lebanon, Ohio, May 5, 1856, and the latter in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 3, 1856. The Probasco family probably came to this country from Holland about 1756, although the name is of Spanish origin.

Ramsey Probasco attended the public schools until graduated from high school, and then entered the University of Cincinnati, completing the classical course in

1902. Having determined to devote his life to the legal profession, he entered the law school of his alma mater, and was graduated in 1904. He was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1903, in New York in 1906 and in California in 1913. From 1903 to 1906 he was associated in the practice of law with his father, and then when to New York, where he practiced alone until 1910. In 1913 he came to Berkeley, California, and was in practice alone until January 1, 1928, when he became a member of the firm of Sturgis, Probasco & McClean, with offices in the Central Bank building of Oakland. Well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence and a constant student of his profession, he has proven a determined, able and resourceful lawyer and has successfully handled many important cases in the courts of this county.

On June 30, 1908, at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Virginia, Mr. Probasco was united in marriage to Miss Clara Tuttle, whose father, Albert H. Tuttle, was for forty years a college professor. Mrs. Probasco is a member of the Town and Gown Club of Berkeley and the College Women's Club, as well as other social organizations. In his political views Mr. Probasco is a staunch republican. He is a member of the Mt. Diablo Country Club, the Bohemian Club of San Francisco, the Athens Athletic Club of Portland, the Kiwanis Club of Oakland, and the several college fraternities. He is a director and was the first president of the East Bay Safety Council and is a director of the Berkeley Campfire Girls, while during the World war he was a member of a number of committees and was a Four Minute speaker from the time the organization was started until the close of the war. His religious connection is with St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. Everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of his community has enlisted his earnest support and he has stood consistently for the best things in life. Cordial and friendly in manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### GEORGE E. GROSS

Among the public officials of Oakland and Alameda county, none has been more highly honored or is held in greater esteem than George E. Gross, who is filling the responsible position of county clerk in a very able and satisfactory manner. Born in Oakland on the 14th of March, 1872, he is a son of William G. C. and Margaret (Stiles) Gross. He received his educational training in the public schools of this city and afterward became associated with his father, who was engaged in the marble and granite business here. On May 1, 1901, Mr. Gross was appointed a deputy in the city treasurer's office, serving for three years, during which period he evinced a natural aptitude for and a thoroughness in his work that led to his appointment as chief deputy treasurer in 1904. While still holding that position he was nominated on the republican ticket for city auditor and assessor, receiving also the endorsement of the democrats and the Municipal League, so that there was practically no opposition and he was elected by an overwhelming majority. He assumed the duties of the position at the time of the charter election. In 1909 the office was transformed from a position in which the county auditor's figures were

accepted as the basis of the city assessment rolls, to a department in which the entire work of the city was handled. The handling of the auditing and assessing by the city instead of accepting the county figures raised the assessed valuation of the city as a whole over thirty million dollars above what it would have been under the county figures, and resulted in a more equal distribution of the burden of taxation in the city. Mr. Gross's popularity was again proven in the direct primary election of 1911, when he was nominated by the people and was elected by another large majority, having practically no opposition. In 1914 he was elected county clerk, in which office he is still serving.

On September 3, 1901, in Oakland, Mr. Gross was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Gage, of this city, a daughter of Stephen T. and Bessie (Fletcher) Gage. Mr. Gross is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Moose and Elks, the Athens Club and Athenian Nile Club, while, politically, he has always supported the republican party. He is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, standing consistently for public welfare, and his efficient administration of the various offices which he has held has gained for him merited prestige among the people of his city and county, while his courtesy and affability, combined with his sterling character, have gained for him a host of warm and loyal friends.

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### ALBERT G. LARSON

Berkeley received a valuable addition to its citizenship when in 1924 Albert G. Larson located here, for he has not only built up a prosperous industrial enterprise, but possesses to a marked degree the essential qualities of good citizenship and has attained an enviable place in the estimation of the people of this community. Mr. Larson, who is the proprietor of the Reliable Manufacturing Company, at Fourth street and Dwight way, was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, February 27, 1888, and is a son of Lars J. and Caroline (Christenson) Larson, both of whom are deceased. His father was a successful leather goods manufacturer, making valises, shoes and other articles, and became well-to-do and influential in his community. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: Ernest, who is a banker in Lysekil, Sweden; John, of Lysekil, who is a sea captain and the owner of a motor schooner on the Baltic sea; Harry, an electrical engineer in Gothenburg, Sweden; and Albert G.

The last named attended the public schools of his native land and later entered the Chalmers Engineering College, in Sweden. He served an apprenticeship at Gothenburg and Lysekil, becoming proficient both as a master mechanic and as an electrical engineer. In 1909 he embarked for the United States, landing at New York city in October, and soon afterwards went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was employed as a machinist. Later, in Chicago, Illinois, he worked for the International Harvester Company and subsequently he went to Rockford, Illinois, where he entered the employ of Barber Coleman, a manufacturer of milling machinery, with whom he remained for fourteen months. In the fall of 1911 Mr. Larson located in San Francisco, California, where for about a year he worked



as a machinist for the American Can Company, and then went to Alaska, where for two years he was employed as a master mechanic by fish canneries at Keen Eye, and later in the Chickina Cannery, at Chickina, and with the Northwestern Canning Company. Returning to the States in 1914, Mr. Larson entered the employ of the California Cartridge Company, at Richmond, California, which was engaged in making machines for the manufacture of cartridges. He remained with that concern until the United States entered the World war, when he offered his services to the government and was sent to the Apex Manufacturing Company, where he superintended the construction of three hundred steel lifeboats. He remained with that concern until 1924, when, having determined to engage in business on his own account, he resigned and came to Berkeley, where he bought ground and began the erection of his present plant, the main building of which is ninety by one hundred and twenty-five feet. In this building he installed expensive and highly specialized machinery, much of which is his own invention, and engaged in the manufacture of air compressors, paint spraying machinery, washing machines and lubricating devices. Mr. Larson is an inventor of note, being the holder of several valuable patents, and is manufacturing and selling machines of his own invention. He employs from eight to ten expert machinists and his business is enjoying a steady and substantial growth.

On September 26, 1912, at Rockford, Illinois, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Swanson, who was born and reared in that city, and they are the parents of three children, John, Harry and June. Mr. Larson came to this country well equipped for his life work, having mastered the English language in the excellent schools of his own country, and on coming to Berkeley was in splendid financial shape to launch his business, which has proven a distinctive success. Mr. Larson was made an American citizen at Oakland in 1917 and has since given his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the Manufacturers Association of California and the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, and has shown a commendable interest in the general welfare of his community. A good business man, a dependable citizen, and cordial and affable in his social relations, he has won many warm friends since coming here and he and his wife are popular in the social circles in which they move.

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### CHAUNCEY WALSTEIN GIBSON

The record of Chauncey W. Gibson, of Oakland, is that of a man who, though more than ordinarily successful in his material affairs, has not lived to himself alone, but has found pleasure in devoting his means and influence to the welfare of others less fortunate than he. For many years he has been a prominent and influential figure in the business world and commands the confidence and respect of all who are associated with him. Mr. Gibson was born in Grand Blanc, Genesee county, Michigan, September 6, 1838, and is a son of Charles D. W. and Artemesia Gibson, who were natives of New York state, where they were reared and married. In 1832 they became pioneer settlers in Michigan, where Mr. Gibson extensively followed farming, owned a mill and established a hotel. He started a village

known as Gibsonville and lived there until his death, remaining actively engaged in the upbuilding of the community of which he was practically the founder.

Chauncey W. Gibson spent his boyhood in Michigan and attended the public schools of his home neighborhood. On starting out on his own account he went to Saginaw, Michigan, where he opened a general store, and later started the Bay City Bank. Sometime afterward he there organized the First National Bank which was the third national bank in the state. In 1874 he came west, locating in Los Angeles, California, where he engaged in merchandising. Prosperity attended him here also, and he enlarged the scope of his operations, building the Los Angeles Soap Company plant. Later he organized the Chamber of Commerce, prior to the building of the first railroad into that city. He turned his attention to the manufacture of carbon dioxide and during his active career he built thirty-two factories in various parts of the country, including Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Omaha, living in each city while getting his business established, and so sound was his judgment and so skillful was his management that these various enterprises returned him a very comfortable competence. On Sixty-sixth avenue, Oakland, Mr. Gibson built a splendid home. In addition he owned large tracts of land, much of which he subdivided, and thus became extensively engaged in the real estate business, building many homes, which he sold. His own residence he later presented to the Children's Home Society, its valuation being conservatively placed at twenty-five thousand dollars, and since he has retired from active business pursuits he has been greatly interested in the finding of homes for children who need them, over five thousand having been thus cared for. This work of love has not gone without due recognition and appreciation, though Mr. Gibson has been entirely unostentatious in his relation to it.

In 1864 Mr. Gibson married Miss Lovina M. Gibson, who is a native of New York state and a daughter of Houdd and Julia (Steel) Gibson. To this marriage have been born three children, Charles, Houdd and Frost. Mr. Gibson votes independently, but holds decided views on the great issues of the day. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging also to the Order of the Eastern Star and the United Honor. A gentleman of kindly and hospitable manner, he has a host of warm and admiring friends throughout this community, who esteem him for his genuine worth and for the sunshine he has scattered along the pathway of life.

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### CHARLES CLINTON YOUNG

The city of Oakland is fortunate in having on its board of commissioners a man of the character and caliber of Charles C. Young, who has a high reputation as an able and efficient civil engineer, and whose wide and varied experience has well qualified him for the position which he is so satisfactorily filling. Mr. Young was born in Davenport, Iowa, October 21, 1885, and is a son of Clarence Teal and Alida Virginia (Mack) Young. In the paternal line Mr. Young is of English descent, the progenitor of the family in this country having been Ninian Young, who came from Yarmouth, Norfolk county, England, not later than 1745 and settled at Fallowfield, East Fallowfield township, Chester county, Pennsyl-



CHARLES C. YOUNG



vania, where his death occurred in 1765. He was the father of Robert Young, born in 1748, who served as wagonmaster with the Pennsylvania forces during the Revolutionary war, and as assessor of Newlin township, from 1777 to 1786, and died in 1814. Among his children was Thomas Young, a farmer, who was born in 1787 and died in 1845. He was the father of David Theodore Young, who was born in 1829 and became a carriage and wagon builder in Davenport, Iowa, where he died in 1905. He served as a private in the Union Army during the closing months of the Civil war. He married Miss Sarah Humphreys, who was of English birth and the sword used by one of her ancestors in the battle of Waterloo is now in possession of Charles C. Young. David T. and Sarah Young became the parents of Clarence Teal Young, who was born in Orville, Wayne county, Ohio, March 12, 1854, and died in 1906. He too was a carriage and wagon builder in Davenport, Iowa, and the estimate of his life and character is summed up in the words, "Just a good man and a father to the proud of." He was married to Miss Alida Virginia Mack, who was born in Terra Coupee, St. Joseph county, Indiana, August 12, 1856, a daughter of William and Jane (Turnbull) Mack, the former born in New York, of Holland Dutch descent, while the latter was the daughter of Richard Turnbull, a native of England and of Scotch extraction, and whose wife also was of English birth.

Charles Clinton Young remained in Davenport until thirteen years of age and in the public schools of that city received his elementary education, which he continued in the schools of Boulder, Colorado, to which city the family moved in 1898. A year later they went to Denver and during the ensuing twelve months were successively at Leadville, Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction, Colorado, Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Oakland, California, where Mr. Young has made his home since 1901. In these places he worked at various occupations and after coming to Oakland he completed his high school education. In 1902-3 he was variously employed and during this period took up the study of civil engineering, which he continued through following years, acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of the subject, as well as valuable practical experience. From 1903 to 1905 Mr. Young was employed as a block signal operator on the Southern Pacific railroad, and for a few months he served as assistant agent for that company at Berkeley, California. From 1905 to 1907 he was with an engineering party for the Southern Pacific, serving successively as stakeman, chainman, rodman, estimator and profileman. In 1907 he went to Mexico as draftsman for the San Diego & Arizona Railroad, and on his return to Oakland, entered the office of the city engineer as a draftsman. He was promoted to the position of chief draftsman and later to office engineer, which position he held until 1917, when he accepted a position as assistant manager of the Orange Blossom Candy Company, of San Francisco. Later he served as valuation engineer for the United Railways of San Francisco, with which he remained until February, 1918, when he became construction engineer for the Hercules Powder Company, being employed in the erection of a sulphuric acid concentrator. He remained with that concern until October, 1918, when he was commissioned a first lieutenant of engineers in the United States Army and was stationed at Camp Humphreys, Virginia, being assigned to headquarter duty under Major Cochrane. He was honorably discharged in March, 1919, after which he returned to Oakland and has been engaged in busi-

ness as a private civil and consulting engineer on land subdivisions, surveys and road and sewer construction. On May 10, 1927, Mr. Young was elected a commissioner of the city of Oakland, assuming the office July 1st, and was assigned first to the department of revenue and finance, but a week later was transferred to the department of public health and safety. He has proven well fitted for this important position and is giving to his city loyal and satisfactory service.

On December 3, 1910, in the First Congregational church in Oakland, Rev. Charles R. Brown performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. Young and Miss Christina A. Christie, who was born September 12, 1888, and comes of Scotch ancestry. Her parents, Joseph L. and Jeanette Christie, who are natives of Nova Scotia, now reside in Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of a son, Charles Clinton, Jr., born March 12, 1915, now a pupil in the Alexander Hamilton junior high school, and the patrol leader of Troop Forty-eight, Boy Scouts of America.

Politically Mr. Young is a republican, while his religious connection is with the First Congregational church of Oakland. He is a member of Sequoia Lodge, No. 349, A. F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1917; Oakland Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S., of which he was worthy patron in 1926; the Patrons Association of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was president in 1926; Oakland Homestead, B. A. Y.; the Loyal Order of Moose, the Sciots, the American Legion, the Athens Club and the California Grays, being captain of the Oakland company. He is president of the East Bay Sector of the Association of the Army of the United States. From 1919 to 1923 he held a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Engineer Reserves, and now holds a commission as captain in command of Headquarters and Service Company of the 316th Engineers. A man of earnest purpose, sterling character and splendid personal qualities, he commands not only the confidence and respect of the people of Oakland, but also the friendship of all with whom he has been associated, and is regarded as one of the representative men of his community.

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### FRANK SPENGER

Frank Spenger, wholesale and retail dealer in fish, crabs and shrimps, at 1917 Fourth street, Berkeley, has won a wide reputation in this line of business, particularly in the method of catching, preparing and handling shrimps, for which he possesses what is regarded as the best and most complete equipment in the world. A native of Berkeley, Mr. Spenger was born February 5, 1890, and is a son of John E. and Charlotte (Harder) Spenger. The father, who established the business about fifty-five years ago and conducted it with great success, is now living retired in Berkeley.

Frank Spenger received his education in the public schools and early became interested in the shrimp industry with his father, taking over the business on the latter's retirement. He is the owner of the barge "James M. Donohue," which was rebuilt and equipped especially for the shrimp business. It lies off San Quentin point, in San Francisco bay, and serves as the base for the company's

fishing operations. Sixteen motor fishing boats, which are operated on the shares by twenty men, are used in gathering clams and shrimp, as well as various kinds of bay and river food fish, working the bay and river as far up as Vallejo. Large quantities of shrimps and crabs are caught in the vicinity of San Quentin point and brought to the Spenger plant, where is found an up-to-date equipment for grading, cooking, dehydrating and distributing these sea delicacies. The work is done scientifically by experienced men, special care being taken to handle them expeditiously and under the most sanitary conditions, thus insuring their high food value. The men employed by him, working on the shares, have a keen personal interest in the success of the business and are loyal in their efforts to cooperate with Mr. Spenger. The products of the Frank Spenger Company rank high in the markets of San Francisco, Oakland and other California cities, and also find a large sale in the Orient.

Mr. Spenger was united in marriage to Miss Marcella Dockrell, who was born in San Francisco, and they are the parents of three children: Frances Marcella and Marcella Francis, twins, now fifteen years of age, both of whom possess marked talent as artists and are extremely popular in West Berkeley; and Frank, who is attending the junior high school in Berkeley. Mr. Spenger is a republican in his political alignment and has shown a proper interest in the welfare and prosperity of his community. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Native Sons of the Golden West. A man of marked business ability, great energy and determination, he has achieved a noteworthy success, and is numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community.

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### AUGUST G. FLEISCHER

August G. Fleischer, mill superintendent for the Tilden Lumber Company, of Berkeley, has had extensive experience in mill work and is well qualified in every respect for the responsible position which he is so ably filling. He has spent the greater part of his life in California but was born in New York city on the 22nd of August, 1877, a son of August G. and Bertha (Irish) Fleischer, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father born in Saxony and the mother in Berlin. They were married in that country, where the father followed the trade of cigarmaking. On their emigration to the United States they located in New York city, but about 1886, they came to the Pacific coast, settling in San Francisco. There the father established a cigar factory, which he operated to the time of his death, which occurred about ten years ago, at which time he was eighty-six years old. His wife preceded him in death about three years, dying at the age of seventy. They were the parents of eight children, of whom three are deceased, the survivors being, Charles M., who is a carpenter and builder in Berkeley; August G., Harmon, who is engaged in the draying business in San Francisco; Lizzie, the wife of Charles Andrews, an engineer in Los Angeles, California; and Tillie, the wife of Armond Chatlin, who is in the employ of the American Can Company in San Francisco.

August G. Fleischer was about nine years of age when the family moved from New York to San Francisco, and in the public schools of that city he received his

educational training. He then went to work in his father's cigar factory and learned the trade, but not liking it, he went to work in the W. T. Fuller sash and door factory in Sacramento, where he remained three years. He next went to Black Diamond (now Pittsburg), Contra Costa county, where he became supply clerk, and later foreman, in the door factory of the Redwood Manufacturing Company. About eighteen years ago he resigned that position and went to Oakland, where he spent a year with the Kendall Lumber Company, whose plant was located on the water front. Coming then to Berkeley, Mr. Fleischer became connected with the Haywood Lumber Company, which then owned and operated the present mill of the Tilden Lumber Company, at the foot of University avenue. His first position with the latter company was that of shipping clerk, while later he was advanced to that of foreman. During the World war the government made him superintendent in the Tibbetts & Barnes shipyards in Alameda, where he oversaw the work of getting out of knees, bows, ribs and other material for the building of ships, and at the close of the war, when there was no further necessity for his service there, he returned to the Tilden Lumber Company, at which time he was made superintendent of the mill, and is still filling that position. During his employment at the Tibbetts & Barnes mill Mr. Fleischer met with a serious accident, his right arm being cut off about four inches above the wrist in a planing machine. Being in good health, his recovery was rapid and fifteen days after the accident he was again at work.

In 1908, in Pittsburg, California, Mr. Fleischer was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Butcher, a native of Santa Cruz, California, and they are the parents of three children: Walter, who is employed as receiving clerk by the Lockman Furniture Company, in San Francisco; and Catherine and Genevieve, who are attending the Oakland high school. Mr. Fleischer owns a comfortable and attractive home at 731 East Eleventh street, Oakland, and also has another residence property, which he rents, at Fulton and Russell streets, Berkeley. Cordial and friendly in manner, loyal and true in every relation of life and efficient in the discharge of every duty, he has won and to a marked degree retains the confidence of his employers and the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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### L. J. SCARAMELLI

L. J. Scaramelli of Alameda is numbered among those who have been the architects of their own fortunes, his present prosperity resulting from determined and persistent efforts along definite and well directed lines of action. He has proven an able business man, governed by right principles, and is now one of the leading cement contractors of Alameda county.

Mr. Scaramelli was born in Lucca, Italy, March 26, 1902, and at the age of four years was brought by his parents to California, where he has resided continuously since. He received his educational training in the public schools of San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, and then learned the trade of cement worker under his stepfather, A. Falcier. He became an expert workman and continued in that line as an employee until about three years ago, when he bought out Mr.



Falcier and has since been engaged in the business on his own account. He is doing a large volume of business, constructing concrete floors, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, steps and foundations, and every job of work done by him will pass the most rigid inspection, for he takes a justifiable pride in his work and does thoroughly everything that he undertakes. At present he is doing a lot of work on a new subdivision at Broadway and Bog Island for W. F. Justice. He does contract work in all the bay cities and is enjoying a large patronage.

Mr. Scaramelli was united in marriage to Miss Alma Ballwany, who was born and reared in Berkeley, Alameda county, and they are the parents of a daughter, Irene, who is now four years of age. He is building an attractive new home on Broadway. Mr. Scaramelli is a man of strict integrity in all of his affairs, commands the confidence of all who have had dealings with him, while throughout the community where he lives he is held in high regard by all.

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### GEORGE B. FERGUSON

George B. Ferguson, president and general manager of the Phineas F. Ferguson Corporation, is at the head of one of the largest and most important laundry concerns in Oakland and by his judicious management and sound business judgment has gained a high reputation in the business circles of this city. Mr. Ferguson was born in San Francisco, California, November 28, 1876, and is a son of Phineas F. and Annie M. Ferguson, the latter born in the District of Columbia. Phineas F. Ferguson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1852 and in young manhood was brought by his father to San Francisco, in the public schools of which city he was educated. For a time he was engaged in the laundry business at Contra Costa, later had charge of the laundry in the Russ House, and afterward was part owner of the Standard laundry. In 1883, in partnership with Edward Hall, he established the United States laundry in San Francisco, which he managed until 1905, when that and other laundries were merged into what became known as the Metropolitan Laundry Company, of which he became general manager. In 1900 he had become interested in the White Star laundry in Oakland and upon retiring from the Metropolitan Company devoted the major portion of his time and attention to this business, which steadily increased in importance. In 1909 he bought the controlling interests in the Antiseptic laundry, located at 3960 Manila avenue. Later he enlarged the buildings at the present location, 3921 Broadway, to which he moved all of his holdings in January, 1924, having here one of the best equipped establishments in this section of the state. He devoted his attention closely to the business until his death, which occurred in 1924, at the age of seventy-two years. He is survived by his widow, who is seventy years old. Mr. Ferguson was a staunch republican in his political views, and was a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 156, F. & A. M., San Francisco, of which he was a past master; San Francisco Chapter, R. A. M.; California Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of which he was a past eminent commander and had served as prelate; San Francisco Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was a past worthy patron. He was a man of outstanding business ability and sterling character

and commanded the unqualified confidence of all who were associated with him.

George B. Ferguson spent his boyhood days in San Francisco, and received his educational training in the public schools. He entered the laundry business under his father, with whom he remained in the various enterprises with which he was connected and obtained an intimate knowledge of every phase of the business. He became assistant superintendent of the United States laundry of San Francisco, giving his attention to the financial end of the business, and in 1903 came to Oakland to assume the general management of the White Star Laundry Company. After the earthquake of 1906 the business of the company trebled and the laundry was operated day and night in order to meet the increased demands. In 1909 Mr. Ferguson became general manager of both corporations and on the death of his father, soon after which the Phineas F. Ferguson Corporation was formed, he was made president and general manager, all of the stock in the corporation being owned in the Ferguson family.

In 1898 Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Ring, who was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is a daughter of Byron and Mamie (Wheeldon) Ring, who went to San Francisco, when their daughter was but six months old. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have been born three children, Lloyd B., George B. and Ruth V. Mr. Ferguson gives his political support to the republican party and, though his business interests make heavy demand on his time, he has not neglected his obligations of citizenship, but gives his active support to all measures tending to advance the best interests of the community. He is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 166, A. F. & A. M.; Fruitvale Chapter, R. A. M., of Oakland; Oakland Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland; Oakland Lodge, No. 171, B. P. O. E.; the Kiwanis Club, the Athens Club and the Athenian Nile Club. His career has been characterized by strict fidelity to the highest business ethics and a candid and straightforward relation with his fellowmen, whereby he has gained and retains the public confidence and respect, and throughout the locality where he lives he enjoys well merited popularity.

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#### WILLIAM H. MOEHLMANN

William H. Moehlmann, vice president and manager of the Contra Costa Building Materials Company, of Berkeley, has won a splendid reputation in business circles for his energetic and progressive methods, his sound and dependable judgment and his honorable dealings, and has been a strong contributing element to the success of this well-known concern. The Contra Costa Building Materials Company was started about twenty years ago by George M. Mott, Sr., George M. Mott, Jr., Guy Hyde Chick and Robert R. Smith. Only the latter's interests are still represented in the company. The original location was at Shattuck and Oregon streets, where it remained until 1926, when the present plant was constructed at 808 Gilman street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, where they have a railroad spur, bunkers, cranes for loading and unloading material and other equipment which facilitates the ready handling of building supplies. The company deals in plastering, concrete and Monterey sand, top, roofing and concrete gravel, crushed rock, hardwall, finish-

ing and casting plaster, plaster paris, Santa Cruz, Medusa white, Atlas white and Keenes cement, Diamond, common and hydrated lime, common, pressed, paving and fire brick; chimney and sewer pipe, flue lining, Ready roofing and building paper and Medusa water proofing. The sand and gravel are procured from Niles, Coyote, Livermore, Sacramento and Monterey county, this state, and all the material handled is of the highest grade. Among the important structures for which this company has furnished the material may be mentioned the First National Bank building, Roos Brothers building and Wilson's apartment houses in Berkeley, as well as many other buildings in Berkeley, Oakland, Piedmont, Albany and El Cerrito. The present officers of the Contra Costa Building Materials Company are as follows: Mrs. Robert R. Smith, president; William H. Moehlmann, vice president and manager; and J. W. Chambers, secretary and treasurer.

William H. Moehlmann was born at Fort Yates, North Dakota, in 1893, and is a son of H. D. and Elizabeth (Walden) Moehlmann, of whom the former was a soldier in the United States regular army, with the rank of regimental quartermaster sergeant. He is now retired and lives in Berkeley. Mr. Moehlmann secured his education in the various places in which his father was stationed, going from Fort Yates to Fort Meade, South Dakota, and to St. Louis, Missouri, when about six years old. He completed the public and high school courses and in 1912 came to Berkeley, where he took a commercial course in the Berkeley Business College. In 1914 he entered the employ of the Contra Costa Building Materials Company, with which he has remained continuously to the present time, and during this period his faithful and efficient service won for him deserved promotions until he reached his present position as vice president and general manager, for the duties of which he is well qualified.

In 1923, in Oakland, Mr. Moehlmann was united in marriage to Miss Carmen Gaillard, who was born and reared in that city. For about two years prior to the entry of the United States into the World war Mr. Moehlmann served as a civilian employee of the government, at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and in South Dakota and Wyoming. He is a republican in his political alignment, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Berkeley Rotary Club and the Athens Athletic Club. A man of earnest purpose, high ideals and consistent conduct, throughout the city in which he lives he commands the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### E. H. CHRISTIAN

E. H. Christian, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Oakland since 1920, has attained enviable prominence in his profession, while in the legislative halls of this state he has given effective and appreciated service for his constituency. Mr. Christian has been a resident of California since 1904, in which year he located at Hayward, where he lived until November 2, 1917, when he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-third Regiment United States Engineers. After serving in training camps, he was sent overseas, where he remained eighteen months, taking part in the engagements at Givet, Seichprey, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne, and on

his return to this country was honorably discharged. In 1920 Mr. Christian was admitted to the bar and has since devoted his attention to the practice of law, having his offices at 308 Great Western Power building, in this city, and has built up a large and important clientele.

Mr. Christian is a republican in his political views, has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and in 1920 was elected to represent Alameda county in the lower house of the state legislature. He was reelected to that body in 1922, and in 1924 was elected to the state senate, representing the thirteenth senatorial district. He received a number of important committee assignments, serving as chairman of the committee on county government and as a member of the committees on constitutional amendments, education, elections, fish and game, governmental efficiency, judiciary, mines and mining, public health and quarantine, reapportionment and municipal corporations. A man of earnest purpose, marked ability and devotion to public duty, he has had a splendid record as a legislator and throughout Alameda county commands the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

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#### EDGAR M. SANBORN

Edgar M. Sanborn, who conducts a successful florist business at 410 Thirteenth street, Oakland, is distinguished in two ways, first, in having the oldest business in his line in Oakland, and, second, for the very splendid work which he accomplished in the development and improvement of the city's park system, in which the people take a great pride. Mr. Sanborn is a native of Oakland, where he was born on the 1st day of December, 1883, and is a son of Henry M. and Sarah (Gladding) Sanborn, the latter a daughter of Allen I. Gladding, who was one of the pioneer real estate men and large land owners of Oakland. Henry M. Sanborn came from Crown Point, New York, to Oakland in 1868, at which time he was eighteen years of age. His sister had become the wife of James Hutchison, who had established a nursery here in 1852, and Mr. Sanborn went to work for Mr. Hutchison, whose business partner he later became and, on the death of Mr. Hutchison, he became sole owner of the business, of which he remained the head until his death, in 1916. His wife died in 1918. They were the parents of two children, Edgar M., and Mrs. James T. Lea.

Edgar M. Sanborn attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1901, after which he took a course in horticulture at the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1906. He then entered business with his father and on the latter's death became the owner of the business, which he has conducted to the present time. His slogan is "Sanborn's Flowers for Every Occasion," and his business has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth, so that he is now regarded as the leading florist of this locality.

Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage to Miss Helen Chandler, who was born and reared in Oakland, where her parents were early settlers. They have two children, Nelda, who, is a graduate of the Polytechnic high school and now a student in the University of California, and Doris, now in high school. Politically



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Mr. Sanborn is a staunch supporter of the republican party and has long been actively interested in local public affairs. He served for six years as a member of the city park board and during three years of that period was president of the board. A practical floraculturist and a man of highly developed artistic sense, he was particularly well qualified for this position, and during his official tenure was instrumental in effecting many valuable improvements in the parks. The park acreage was more than doubled, the city purchasing one hundred and seventy-seven acres of redwoods, though not without considerable opposition, but the subsequent appreciation in value of this land and its well deserved popularity as a park has altered the sentiment of those who opposed its purchase. Comfort stations were established, a band stand erected, a bowling club house built and Lake Merritt dredged, a municipal zoological garden established and a boulevard constructed around the lake. Important improvements were made also in Leona Heights park and in Elizabeth Sanborn park at Fruitvale. For his successful efforts in this direction, Mr. Sanborn is entitled to and receives the grateful appreciation of the people of Oakland. He is a member of Oakland Lodge, No. 171, B. P. O. E.; Athens Parlor, No. 195, N. S. G. W., and the Rotary Club, of which he has been a member for fifteen years. A business man of clear-headed judgment, a citizen of progressive ideas, and a loyal neighbor and constant friend, he well deserves the high place which he holds in the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and is extremely popular among his associates.

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### MILLARD JOSEPHUS LAYMANCE

The life story of Millard Josephus Laymance can only be written in the terms of superlatives. Any one of the projects that he has carried forward to successful completion would entitle him to prominence, but there are many achievements to his credit which have made for the upbuilding not only of his own fortunes but of the city of Oakland and the entire Bay district. Where other men have seen failure he has visioned success, and where other men have faltered before obstacles and seemingly insurmountable difficulties he has found a way to carry out his purposes and turn his plans into conclusive results.

Mr. Laymance was born at Tunnel Hill, Whitfield county, Georgia, November 10, 1856, a son of E. M. and Adeline D. Laymance. The family was founded in America by his great-great-grandfather, who left his native France to become a resident of the United States and settled in South Carolina. E. M. Laymance was a native of that state and in his boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Georgia. He married Adeline D. Austin, whose great-grandfather came from England and settled in Virginia, removing later to East Tennessee.

In private schools of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, Millard J. Laymance pursued his education to his fourteenth year, when he started out in the business world as a clerk in a general merchandise store, in which he was employed for five years. He was nineteen years of age when he came to California, taking up his abode in Sonoma county, where he followed farming and fruit raising until October, 1877, when he removed to Humboldt county, Nevada, and there engaged in raising stock for seven

years, meeting with varied success. He was married July 11, 1883, to Miss May L. Lemon, a daughter of William T. Lemon, a pioneer resident of San Leandro, Alameda county, who had come to California from Kentucky in 1849, crossing the plains with ox team and covered wagon. He took up his abode at San Lorenzo and on his farm of six hundred acres there reared a large family. Mr. and Mrs. Laymance became the parents of four daughters: Aida May, the wife of Rexford H. Conant; Blanche Leila, the wife of Leslie F. Rice; Grace Mildred, wife of Harold W. Jewett; and Hazel Dorothy, wife of Henry A. Hilborn, Jr.

It was the year following their marriage that Mr. and Mrs. Laymance established their home in San Joaquin county, California, where for three years he devoted his attention to grain raising on a farm comprising between two and three thousand acres, but poor crops and other disastrous causes lost for him all that he had made in Nevada. Although this was seemingly an untoward fate, it proved to be his real opportunity, for in August, 1887, he became a resident of Oakland, where he at once engaged in the real estate business under the firm style of M. J. Laymance & Company. A few years later the business was incorporated under the name of the Laymance Real Estate Company, at which time he was joined by his two brothers, J. Walter and William J., although after a few years J. Walter sold his interest to Millard J. Laymance, William remaining an active factor in the company until his demise in 1925. For forty-one years the firm has operated in Oakland and no enterprise has featured more largely in the improvement and development of the city through the reclamation of wild lands and their conversion into beautiful residential sections or fine business districts. Mr. Laymance has carried on his operations extensively and his work as president of the Laymance Real Estate Company places him among the foremost factors in the promotion of realty interests in the Bay district. Other enterprises of equal extent and importance, however, have claimed his attention and profited by his direction. Through the forty-year period between 1887 and 1927 he organized several successful corporations, including a number of oil companies, and became one of the prosperous oil operators of the state. In 1899 he incorporated the California Standard Oil Company with a capital of a half million dollars, and this was followed by the Giant Oil Company with an equal capitalization and the Pittsburgh Oil Company with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars. He also became one of the promoters and incorporators of the Associated Oil Company, a forty-million dollar corporation that took over his first companies. In 1906, following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco, he withdrew from the oil business and concentrated his attention upon real estate and other commercial projects, one of which was the building of the Oakland Orpheum, which he leased to the Orpheum Company, thereby securing the Orpheum theater for the city. In 1909, however, he reentered the oil business, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land at Maricopa and one hundred and twenty acres at McKittrick, after which he formed two companies, one known as The M. J. & M. M. Consolidated, a two-million-dollar corporation, and the other the Ethel D Company, capitalized for a million dollars. Mr. Laymance was the president and manager of each company for five years and each corporation has always paid good dividends. In 1910 he extended the scope of his activities by organizing a syndicate in which his associates were J. F. Carlson, F. M. Smith, C. Berry and Walter Frick. Section 2 at Taft was purchased and on that ground the first well of this district was



drilled. It is now owned by the North American Consolidated and has produced over ten million barrels of oil. Throughout the years Mr. Laymance has continued his operations in real estate and has contributed in notable measure to the growth and development of the city and then maintenance of its realty values.

His activities, however, have seemed to have no limit and have reached colossal proportions. There is no resident of Oakland who has contributed in larger measure to the political history of California and yet he has never sought nor held office. The year that witnessed his arrival in Oakland also saw the beginning of his friendship with Frank J. Moffitt, owner of the Morning Times, a democratic paper, and other leaders of the party. He was solicited to become a member of the county democratic committee, which he did, and at its annual meeting was proffered the committee chairmanship. This he declined, but his objections were overruled and the loyal support of the committee was pledged to him at a time when it seemed impossible to elect a democrat, as the republican majority in Alameda county exceeded five thousand. Mr. Laymance at once began the reorganization of the committee by adding to its membership men from each voting precinct in the city and county. The organization work was continued with the same thoroughness that has ever characterized his business management. He soon had a committee of one hundred members, each at the head of his party in the precinct, and soon he had completed the strongest and most perfect organization of any county in the state. He remained at the head of the democratic party in Alameda county for a quarter of a century, so arranging his political and civic work that he could devote his evenings thereto without interference in his business affairs. Naturally he was made a member of the state committee as well as chairman of the county committee. At the time when he undertook the work the republican party had a fine club composed of its richest members, handsomely uniformed. Mr. Laymance soon brought about the organization not only of a democratic club as splendidly equipped but of at least a dozen democratic clubs, with uniforms and torches, and these were invited to participate in all important political events in the state. Moreover, the efforts of the organization which he had developed brought about the election not only of local nominees but of the heads of the democratic ticket in California. In all of his notable political activity he never made any enemies, many of his best and dearest friends in Oakland and the state being republicans. He usually served on the finance committee of the state democratic committee and managed to meet the heavy expenses incurred in the political work of his party. The Alameda county delegation under his leadership always voted as a unit in the state conventions and became a big factor in party ranks. When James Budd was nominated for governor the democratic organization was so highly developed that his election followed and the legislature became democratic, while the party also carried the county elections. It was the thorough business management of Mr. Laymance in the state convention held in Fresno in 1892 that brought about the support of California for Grover Cleveland for the presidency. Mr. Laymance was made an alternate delegate to the national convention held in Chicago. A. B. Butler of Fresno county was elected chairman of the delegation, with Mr. Laymance as secretary, and turned over to him all the details in reference to the delegation, and the hospitality of the California delegation and its activity constituted an important chapter in the history of that memorable convention. Following his return home Mr. Laymance was

tendered a banquet by the delegation, on which occasion he was presented with a fine split-second gold watch engraved on the inside of the case with the words: "M. J. Laymance, with the good wishes of the California Delegation Democratic Convention, Chicago, 1892." Because of his mammoth business and civic activities Mr. Laymance would never accept political office but continued to take an active part in politics until 1914, when he refused to longer serve on either the county or state committees. His labors, however, had often swung his county and the state into democratic successes and thus he aided in shaping the history of the commonwealth.

His civic activities, however, have perhaps eclipsed all other work of his life. With keen discernment and notably broad vision he foresaw something of what the future had in store for Oakland and for many years he never ceased to labor untiringly for the city's development and upbuilding. With his arrival in Oakland he studied the possibilities of the city and the East Bay and recognized the fact that San Francisco was on the wrong side of the Bay and that Oakland would some day be a great city because of its invaluable asset—its water front, which was then in possession of the Central & Southern Pacific Railroad Company, but he also knew that Oakland could not go ahead unless it obtained possession of this water front. With this end in view he became a director of the Board of Trade. A suit was filed to regain the water front. To Mr. Laymance, who was then on the harbor committee, William Laird Hill, then one of the city attorneys, said that if the city's complaint was amended the water front could finally be recovered, as the railroad only had a lease and that the lease had expired. The complaint was amended and after the question was taken through all the courts to the United States supreme court, Oakland after several years' litigation recovered her water front. When the board of supervisors and the Board of Trade were merged into the Chamber of Commerce he was made a director and chairman of the harbor committee, remaining as such for the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce for more than a quarter of a century. He set to work through the congressmen to obtain an appropriation for deepening the estuary. This met intense opposition from the Southern Pacific Railway, which was making large profit from the handling of all freight from the Bay district. Oakland had on various occasions promised to improve her water front, and when Mr. Laymance saw the United States engineer in regard to approving an appropriation for Oakland he received this answer: "Mr. Laymance, I will not approve a cent for Oakland until Oakland does something. The estuary is twenty-five feet deep at low tide and you cannot dock a vessel that draws over sixteen feet. You say you are going to do something every year, but you don't do anything." The ultimate result after hearing this reply was that Oakland carried a bond election setting aside two and one-half million dollars for the improvement of the water front, and immediately Oakland started to grow, having then something to offer manufacturers and every kind of industry that would develop business and the city. Mr. Laymance had asked for a ten-million-dollar bond issue, which several years later was voted, and, as he foresaw, the development of her water front has been Oakland's one great asset.

With his return from the democratic national convention in Denver in 1906, Mr. Laymance was enthusiastic over the project of erecting a great auditorium similar to that in Denver but dropped the matter temporarily because of the project

that had already been instituted to build a fine hotel, a company of business men and bankers having incorporated and purchased the block on Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Harrison and Alice streets. The arrangements were that the real estate men and the general public would secure subscriptions for seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars in stock in the company and the banks were to take seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars in bonds, but two of the banks got into financial difficulties and there was a plan on foot to let the project fall through. Mr. Laymance saw that this would be disastrous for Oakland's future and obtaining the cooperation of C. H. King, who had subscribed fifty thousand dollars, F. M. Smith, who had subscribed one hundred thousand dollars, and William Dargie of the Tribune, he succeeded in bringing about a meeting of the board of directors, where it was agreed that the bankers would take five hundred thousand dollars of the bonds if Mr. Laymance raised two hundred and fifty thousand dollars more by increasing the capital stock. There is no such word as fail in his vocabulary, and today the Oakland Hotel is a monument of his determined purpose and civic spirit. It was then that he again took up the plan of securing an auditorium for Oakland, his labors resulting in the passage of a bond issue of four hundred thousand dollars, and the auditorium was ultimately erected at a cost of approximately one million dollars.

When that project was carried to successful completion Mr. Laymance was made a member of a committee to get the business and professional men to form a Commercial Club, with the result that the Oakland Commercial Club was organized with two hundred of the most prominent residents of the city as members, Mr. Laymance being elected vice president. Again he was made chairman of its harbor committee and again he put forth effort that led to the unqualified endorsement of the harbor plan of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Rees, thus removing the last obstacle to securing government aid for the development of the western water front. In this connection the city has undertaken projects the value of which cannot be over-estimated. Its larger scheme of harbor improvement is known as the Key Route Basin, where the city is improving a frontage of fifty-one hundred lineal feet and reclaiming two hundred and ninety-four acres of tide land available for warehouse and manufacturing sites. Today great commercial and industrial enterprises are found on Oakland's water front and ocean vessels of the largest size can reach its piers. After thirty years of intense and resultant activity in civic organizations, knowing that the foundations were properly laid and that nothing could stop Oakland's progress and, moreover, as the World war swept the United States into its vortex, Mr. Laymance felt that his private business affairs needed his undivided attention and withdrew from immediate active association with civic interests.

He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity as a member of Oakland Lodge No. 188, F. & A. M.; Oakland Chapter No. 36, R. A. M.; Athens Chapter No. 277, O. E. S.; the Masonic Club of San Francisco, the Athenian Nile Club and the Athens Athletic Club, being a charter member of the last named. It is impossible to over-estimate the value of his work to Oakland and the Bay district. Ever looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future, he has labored untiringly, losing sight of no detail yet giving due prominence to the major phase of every situation. He has exerted marked influence not alone because of his splendid business ability but because men have always believed in

him, recognized in him a man of unquestioned integrity and one who has never in the slightest degree sacrificed the public weal to personal ends. He has found joy in opportunity and contentment in success, and he enjoys the respect, admiration and honor of all who know aught of his history, which for many years has been largely familiar to the general public from coast to coast.

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### DUNCAN S. NEILSON

The Berkeley Steel Construction Company has a well earned reputation as a maker and builder of steel tanks, and in that line has successfully handled many important contracts. It is regarded as one of the most substantial and prosperous industries of Alameda county and reflects great credit on the founders and owners of the business, T. S. and D. S. Neilson. Duncan S. Neilson, vice president and plant superintendent of the Berkeley Steel Construction Company, was born in Greenock, Scotland, April 16, 1886, and is a son of Andrew Scott and Jessie (Sinclair) Neilson, both deceased, the father dying in 1926, at the age of sixty-five years. He was for many years a locomotive engineer in Scotland and a number of times piloted passenger trains carrying King Edward and other members of the nobility. The mother passed away when Duncan S. was twelve years of age.

Having attended the public and high schools in his native country, Duncan S. Neilson then served an apprenticeship in the shipyards and engineering works, three years in the yards and two years in boiler shops, the entire period of five years being with the Russell Scott Company, whose plant was located on the river Clyde. On the completion of his apprenticeship he faced the problem confronting so many Scottish youths, whether to go to Australia, United States, South Africa or Canada. He decided on Canada and in 1906 went to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he arrived in July. He was fortunate in obtaining employment with the Vancouver Engineering Works, with which he remained several years. After two years he was made a foreman, holding that position until 1914, when he took his wife and two children on a trip to Scotland. He returned to Vancouver just as Canada was entering the World war, and on offering his services to the government was sent to Prince Rupert to superintend the construction of a big dry dock for the British government, a job which commanded his attention until the end of 1915. He then returned to Vancouver to build submarines for the Russian government, completing five, which were shipped, knocked down, to Kola, Russia. A peculiar coincidence was the fact that at that time the British government sent Mr. Neilson's father to Archangel, Russia, to set up and start some locomotives of English make. On the completion of his submarine building, Mr. Neilson went to work for Wallace & Company, at Vancouver, as superintendent, and had the distinction of building the first steel merchant vessel at Vancouver, it being named the "War Dog". He was next employed in Coughlan's shipyards at Vancouver, where he built eight steel vessels for the Canadian government, each of eighty-eight thousand tons burden, and on their completion he returned to Prince Rupert and built another steel vessel of the same size. While there, Mr. Neilson was afflicted with a severe attack of rheumatism, owing to the cold and dampness of the

climate, and was very ill for about three months. He was advised to seek a warmer climate and in 1920 came to Berkeley, California, to which city his brother, T. S. Neilson, had come the previous year. For awhile he and his brother worked in the Moore shipyards of the California Steel Products Company of San Francisco, but at the end of two years decided to start in business for themselves. To this end, they leased the plant of the old Berkeley Iron Works, on Second street, and in February, 1923, began active operations, under the firm name of the Berkeley Steel Construction Company, their specialty being steel tanks and smokestacks. Meeting with encouraging success, they bought a block of land on Second street, extending through to First street, and from Camilia to Gillman streets, and there erected a modern and up-to-date plant, the main building being fifty by two hundred and fifty feet. This is the first electrically welded steel structure west of Pittsburgh built to carry heavy cranes, and has in every respect fulfilled its purpose. They have since also bought a half block of land on the opposite side of Camilia street, and are now well equipped for handling any sized contract in their line. A spur track of the Southern Pacific Railroad affords excellent shipping facilities, though they also ship largely over the Santa Fe, much of their work going to southern California and the Mexican border, one of their most important recent jobs being at Plaster City, eight miles north of the border line. They also send much of their output to Canada and the gold coast of South Africa and do a large business with the oil companies of California. They are painstaking in their work and when necessary give their personal supervision to the completion of the outside jobs, for they take a justifiable pride in the high quality of their work. They are now doing work for the California Verde Oil Company and are successfully competing with the steel construction companies of Los Angeles. The volume of their business has steadily increased through the years, amounting to over three hundred and seventy thousand dollars in 1927, and this is now one of the most important industries of Berkeley.

In 1907, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. Neilson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Bell, who is a native of Scotland, in which country they had become engaged, and who made the journey of six thousand miles to Vancouver to join the future husband. To them have been born five children: Andrew Scott, now a foreman with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Buffalo, New York, was married in that city to Miss Jean Clayworth, of Berkeley, California, whose father, Joseph Clayworth, owns the Berkeley Pharmacy; Margaret Bell, who will graduate in June, 1928, from the Berkeley high school, will enter the University of California; Robert Turner and Thomas Scott are pupils in the Thousand Oaks public school in Berkeley; and Dorothy Jean, five years old, is at home. The family reside in the beautiful home at 1886 San Ramon avenue, which Mr. Neilson built three years ago, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, and he also owns another good residence property in this city.

Mr. Neilson was made an American citizen in 1925 and gives his political support to the republican party, taking an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Berkeley Kiwanis Club and the Berkeley Manufacturers Association. He was made a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 117, at Greenock, Scotland, and is now a member of Thousand Oaks Lodge, No. 478, at Berkeley. He still retains his membership in the chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Greenock.

He was reared in the Congregational church in his native land but is now an earnest member of the Presbyterian church in Berkeley. His father was a very active member of the Congregational church in Scotland, in which he served as an elder and deacon for thirty years. Mr. Neilson has always been interested in athletics and from 1906 to 1911 he was a member of all the representative Canadian football organizations, being captain of the "Vancouver Thistles" during 1907-8, this team winning exceptional honors, going through both years without a defeat. In 1908 he was president of the Boilermakers Union in Vancouver, being one of the youngest men ever to hold that office. Optimistic in disposition, cordial and friendly in manner, he is extremely popular among his associates, while in the business world his technical ability and sound judgment in practical affairs have given him a high standing as a man well worthy of the confidence and respect which are uniformly accorded him throughout the city in which he lives.

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### WILLIAM BARTON STRAUB

The present large and well equipped plant and prosperous business of the Empire Foundry Company, of Oakland, stands in evidence of the tenacity of purpose, the indomitable persistence and the sound business judgment of its founder and president, William B. Straub, who established the concern in 1903. From a modest beginning, and in spite of many obstacles, the business has steadily grown and developed into one of the important industrial establishments of Oakland and Mr. Straub is numbered among the community's leading and highly respected business men. He was born in Waldo, Marion county, Ohio, November 9, 1873, and is a son of George W. and Sarah (Corbin) Straub. The mother having passed away a number of years ago, and the father, who had followed the business of contracting and bridge building, died November 5, 1927, at the age of eighty-one years.

William B. Straub secured his educational training in the public schools and a business college and also attended night schools for several years. In his boyhood he was apprenticed to the moulder's trade, of which he acquired an intimate knowledge, and, after working at his trade in Marion and Columbus, Ohio, for several years, went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he engaged in the foundry business. He was not satisfied with conditions there, however, and after a few years he closed out his business, with the intention of seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields. On his way there, he decided to first look over the western country, including British Columbia and Washington and after a couple months in Honolulu came to California and was so favorably impressed with this latter state that he decided to locate here. He was variously employed for a few years and in 1903 established a small foundry. For the first few years, owing to the depressed business situation and the keenness of competition, he found it hard to hold his own, but, owing to the high quality of his products, his persistent industry and square dealing, he managed to tide over the hard times and eventually prosperity began to crown his efforts, so that by 1905 increasing business prompted him to incorporate the present company. At that time the foundry was located



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at Third and Washington streets, and when the Western Pacific Railroad entered Oakland was able to sell its lease to the railroad at a profitable figure, and in 1909 the company bought the land now occupied at 433-435 Third street. The company employs forty men and carries on a general foundry business, manufacturing all kinds of light and heavy castings for machinery, mining tools and street castings. They made a specialty of the manufacture of iron mantel grates and various hardware equipments and builders' supplies, their products being used in Oakland and the Bay district. About 1909 Mr. Straub organized the Straub Manufacturing Company, of which he is president, and which specializes in making mining machinery, crushing and grinding mills and gold dredges, a number of the latter having been sent to the Nome, Alaska, district, and now their machinery products are in most all parts of the mining world. This company also employs a large number of men.

Mr. Straub was united in marriage to Miss Laura Fisher, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher, the former a large land owner and a son of Captain Fisher who bought one of the old Spanish land grants in Santa Clara county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Straub have a daughter, Gertrude. Politically Mr. Straub is a republican and fraternally a member of the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Round Table, the Chamber of Commerce, the California Manufacturers Association and the Foundries Association. His has been a life of activity and diligence, characterized by honesty and integrity in all of his affairs, and success in substantial measure has rewarded his labors. He has given his aid and cooperation for the advancement and progress of his community and has ever stood for those forces which advance of the public welfare. He has therefore gained a high place in public esteem and is well worthy of the confidence which is reposed in him by his fellowmen.

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#### AMZI B. CARY

No history of Alameda county would be complete without specific reference to the life and labors of Amzi B. Cary, of San Leandro, whose business activities have been of a character and magnitude that have had large bearing on the progress and development of his section of the county. For many years he has been a prominent figure in banking circles and is now the vice president of the San Leandro Branch of the American Trust Company, of San Francisco. The latter institution, which is the outcome of the merger of the Mercantile Trust Company of California, founded in 1854, and The American Bank, founded in 1871, is one of the largest banking institutions of the country, having total resources of nearly three hundred million dollars.

The Bank of San Leandro was organized in 1893, opening for business on May 15, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and was first located in an old frame building that occupied the site of the present banking building. Its officers were as follows: S. Huff, president; L. C. Moorehouse, vice president; Charles H. Hale, cashier; directors, S. Huff, R. S. Farrelly, T. P. Cary, Joseph Herrscher, Dr. G. Viveon, J. B. Mendonca and L. C. Moorehouse. The First Nat-

ional Bank of San Leandro was organized in 1910 out of the profits of the San Leandro Bank, which was a state bank, and two banks were operated with the same set of officers and directors. S. Huff was the first president and was succeeded by L. C. Moorehouse, after whom came Amzi B. Cary, who filled the executive position from 1915 to 1924, when the banks were taken over by the American Trust Company. The present banking house was erected in 1914 by the two banks, both of which occupied the first floor, and this is the present location of the institution, the San Leandro Branch of the American Trust Company. The present officers are: Amzi B. Cary, vice president; Charles H. Hale, manager; Lester F. Sterner, assistant manager, with A. B. Cary, A. Lucio, J. B. Mendonca, H. T. Smyth, R. W. Tutt and Charles H. Hale as members of the advisory board.

Amzi B. Cary was born near Knight's Ferry, Stanislaus county, California, November 1, 1863, a son of Talcott Patchin and Elizabeth (McGee) Cary. The Cary family is of English origin and the progenitor of the family in this country was John Cary, who settled in Massachusetts in colonial days. From this family sprang Alice and Phoebe Cary, the well known poets and hymn writers, Eugene Cary, who ran for mayor of Chicago against the late Carter Harrison, and many others who have been distinguished as surgeons, preachers, lawyers, soldiers, manufacturers and business men.

Talcott Patchin Cary was born in Boston Valley, near Buffalo, New York, and the old Cary home in which he was born is still owned by a descendant of John Cary. It is noteworthy that in the five generations of children born in that house there has been but one girl. Mr. Cary came to California in 1852, and for several years was engaged in gold mining at Poverty Hill, in Tuolumne county. In 1855 he became interested in farming and stock raising at Knight's Ferry, Stanislaus county, in which he met with success, becoming owner of an improved farm of four thousand acres. At about the time of the building of the Central Pacific Railroad to Modesto he moved to that place, which at that time was practically ruled by the lawless elements to such an extent that it became necessary to organize a vigilance committee to curb their gambling and criminal activities. In 1878 Mr. Cary brought his family to San Leandro, where he continued his prosperous career and became one of the most influential men of the community. He took a deep interest in its welfare and advancement and donated to the city the ground for the free public library, on which a building was erected through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie. He served as a member of the board of education and as a city trustee and aided in the development of the city along all lines. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, to which he gave liberal support, as he also did to worthy benevolent causes. On his home place he planted fifty-five acres to cherries and apricots and also acquired large landed holdings in the San Joaquin valley. He became financially interested in the old Sweepstake factory at San Leandro, which was one of the first concerns to manufacture agricultural implements in California. He died at San Leandro, May 21, 1923, at the advanced age of ninety-five years, honored and respected throughout the community. He had five brothers, namely: Luther, who became a physician and served as surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil war; Van Renssalaer, who succeeded to the old Cary homestead at Boston Valley, New York; Richard, who became a noted manufacturer in western New York; Amzi B., who also was an army surgeon during

the Civil war and died from the effects of exposure and hardships, and who was the favorite brother of Talcott P. Cary, who named his son in his honor; and Eugene, who served as a captain in the Union Army, afterward became a lawyer, served as a judge, became dean of the insurance men of the United States, and was a candidate for mayor of Chicago. One of Amzi B. Cary's sons, Frank, is now a noted surgeon of Chicago.

After coming to California Talcott P. Cary was married to Miss Elizabeth McGee, who was born in Virginia and who, on the maternal side, was descended from the Lee family so noted in Virginia public life and of which General Robert E. Lee was a member. The McGees were frontiersmen and pioneers, moving westward in advance of civilization and settling in Kentucky, Texas and California, crossing the plains, by way of the old Santa Fe trail, in 1850. Members of the family settled first at Santa Barbara, but later went to Tuolumne county and engaged in mining. Mrs. Cary died in San Leandro, at the age of sixty-nine years. To Talcott P. and Elizabeth Cary were born three children, namely: Lucy C., who is the widow of Austin Walrath, and resides at 706 Estudillo avenue, San Leandro; Maggio, who is the wife of E. C. Perkins, of Oakland, California; and Amzi B.

Amzi B. Cary was reared at Knight's Ferry to the age of nine, and obtained his education in the public schools of Knight's Ferry, Modesto and San Leandro, the Oakland high school, and at Hopkins Academy, in Oakland. At the latter institution he first met Charles H. Hale, with whom he has been associated in business for a third of a century. For several years after leaving school Mr. Cary handled cattle and sheep at Knight's Ferry, raising great herds of Hereford cattle and large droves of Merino sheep. He prospered in that line and bought his father's stock farm there, to which he added by subsequent purchase until he owned twelve thousand acres of land. In 1895 he sold his farm and live stock interests and became one of the organizers of the Bank of San Leandro and, a few years later, of the National Bank of San Leandro, with both of which institutions he remained actively identified until their merger into the American Trust Company in 1924, acting as president for the last nine years of that period. Since that date he has been at the head of the San Leandro Branch of the American Trust Company.

On September 18, 1889, in Alameda, California, Mr. Cary was united in marriage to Miss Bessie E. Gibbons, a daughter of the late Professor Alexander Gibbons, who was a graduate in both medicine and theology, and became the president of the College of the Pacific at San Jose, which is now located at Stockton. To Mr. and Mrs. Cary were born four children: Lois, who died at the age of seventeen years; Dorothy, who died in infancy; Ruth and Lucy, twins, the former a graduate of the State Teachers College at San Jose, while the later is a graduate of Leland Stanford University and is the wife of Max Cochrell, who is a student in the law school of the University of Colorado.

Politically Mr. Cary has always been an active supporter of the republican party and has served as a member of the county central committee and the state central committee of that party. He has never been a candidate for public office, but has been influential in the political affairs of his section of the state. He is a member of Eden Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; San Leandro Chapter, R. A. M., and Oakland Council, R. & S. M. Mrs. Cary is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of which denomination her father was a minister.

The family lives in an attractive home at 730 Estudillo avenue, built by Mr. Cary in 1889, where the spirit of hospitality and good cheer has always reigned. While his individual affairs have made heavy demands on his time. Mr. Cary has never lost sight of his obligations to his community and has given his earnest support to all measures calculated to better the public welfare or advance the city's interests along material, civic or moral lines. Owing to his successful business career, his probity of character, his genuine worth and his kindly and genial manner, he commands to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of San Leandro.

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### ELLIOTT JOHNSON

A prominent member of the Alameda county bar, and one of the public-spirited and influential men of Oakland, Elliott Johnson has gained recognition as one of the representative citizens of his community. He was born in Oakland on the 17th of November, 1889, and is a son of James A. and Cecelia M. Johnson. The father, who was one of the pioneer members of the legal profession in this section of the state, having been a practicing attorney in Oakland for forty-seven years, died in December, 1927.

After graduating from high school, Elliott Johnson entered the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1912. He next became a student in the Hastings Law School, in San Francisco and won the Bachelor of Law degree in 1914. He was admitted to the bar and has since been actively engaged in practice in Oakland and San Francisco, in partnership with George K. Ford and M. M. Bourquin. He has gained a wide reputation as a successful trial lawyer and a sound and reliable office counselor.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Hope Mathews, who was born and reared in this state, and they are the parents of four children. He gives his political support to the republican party. In Masonry he has taken the Scottish Rite degrees and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athenian Nile Club, the Olympic Club of San Francisco, the Athens Athletic Club and the California State Bar Association. His professional record and his public-spirited interest in his community, have gained for him the respect and the good will of his fellowmen throughout Alameda county.

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### OLAF RIECHEL

Cement has taken its rightful place high in the list of the leading building materials and is now practically indispensable in the construction of modern business blocks and residences. One of the leading cement contracting firms in the East Bay district is that of Riechel & Bredhoff. The senior member, Olaf Riechel, was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1878, and received his early education in the schools of that city. When twelve years of age he accompanied his parents on

their removal to Alameda, California, and in the public schools of this city completed his studies. When seventeen years of age he went to work for Powell Brothers, with whom he learned the trade of cement working. He was promoted to the position of foreman and eventually became superintendent of construction, having in charge the erection of the Orpheum Theater building and other important business structures, as well as large apartment houses and fine residences. He remained with that firm for twenty years and in 1918, formed a partnership with H. G. Bredhoff, under the firm name of Riechel & Bredhoff, and engaged in the cement contracting business. They are doing a large business in their line, particularly as subcontractors, besides which they have laid many miles of cement walks and curbs in the East Bay cities. They did the cement work on the Heald Business College building, the Lynn building and the Barber block, as well as apartment houses and homes, and also erected the cement walls around the Pacific Gas and Electric plant on Thirty-first street, Oakland. They have likewise been very successful in building and selling homes.

H. G. Bredhoff was born in San Francisco, California, on the 8th of March, 1888, and received his educational training in the public schools of Alameda and Oakland. On leaving school he learned the trade of cement worker and was employed on the construction of the old Realty Syndicate building in Oakland. He was with Powel Brothers for sixteen years, leaving the employ of that firm to enter into business with Mr. Riechel. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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### PHILIP M. FISHER

Philip M. Fisher, born in Berlin, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1852 and settling in Alameda county, May 4, 1877, for fifty years has been one of California's most prominent educators, serving as teacher, principal, Alameda county superintendent of schools, editor and proprietor of the State Educational Journal, secretary of the senate committee on education and public morals, State Institute conductor, member of the Alameda county board of education, member of the board of trustees of the San Francisco State Normal school, and initiator of state legislation pertaining to teachers' annuities, tenure, union district high schools. With his efforts ever directed toward the welfare of both teacher and child, and standing for the schools as an instrument of the people rather than an organization purely for the advancement of educators as a professional body, he is one of California's most beloved public men, and one whose advice is sought on educational matters throughout the state.

Mr. Fisher's parents came from Germany as bride and groom in 1834, settling in Berlin, Pennsylvania. The father was German with a Holland strain, the mother German with a Normandy strain. The grandfathers on the Fisher side had been schoolmasters in the Rhineland country for three hundred years. Mr. Fisher's parents had nine sons and three daughters. Of the daughters, one died of black fever while a missionary in the Congo. Of the sons, eight taught school in their earlier careers, one became a country official and newspaper editor, two became superintendents of schools, two doctors of divinity, preaching in both German and English

in prominent Pennsylvania cities.

Mr. Fisher himself, next to the youngest of the twelve children, began teaching in Pennsylvania at the age of fourteen, learned a trade, paid his own way through Mt. Union College, Ohio, and shortly after came to California.

His first educational work in Alameda county began when he taught in the Sunol school. Here he remained until January, 1880, when he was elected principal of the school at Washington Corners, now Irvington. From this position, in 1882, he was elected county superintendent of schools of Alameda county; was reelected in 1886, serving until January 1, 1891. During the 1891 state legislature session he served as secretary of the senate committee on education and public morals, under Hon. Guy C. Earl, chairman. In the sessions of 1893 and 1895 he served in a similar capacity.

During the period from July, 1891, to July, 1896, Mr. Fisher also was proprietor and editor of the Pacific Educational Journal, and in the same period he likewise was a conductor of teachers' institutes, in which capacity he directed institutes in fifty-five counties of the state from Del Norte and Modoc to San Diego. In the summer of 1891 he maintained a Summer Training School for teachers at Coronado. In 1895 at the republican state convention he was candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, being the middle man of three and failing because of geographical distribution of political offices insisted upon by "practical politics."

In July, 1896, he was elected to the Oakland school department and assigned to the newly created Central Grammar at 12th and Market streets. This position he held through various stages of the school's growth from Central Grammar to Central high school, Polytechnic high, Manual Training and Commercial high, and its final change to Technical high and the new building at 42nd street and Broadway. Throughout the development of this school Mr. Fisher served for twenty-eight years as head and directing mind, being absent from the school only two half days during the period.

He was named principal emeritus in 1924, and appointed to the position of director of academic studies in all the senior high schools of the Oakland system, a position he now holds. At the time of writing he holds the record in California for length of service in educational work,—fifty-one years.

During this half century of work, Mr. Fisher was ever actively associated with school legislation. He has been president of the Oakland Teachers Association, and of the California High School Principals Association. In the '90s he represented his fellow county superintendents in an "Omnibus Bill" in which provisions of the school law were harmonized and simplified with increased financial aid provided. He was also author of the bill providing for the creation of the union district high schools in this state, a matter in which he collaborated with Mrs. May Cheney and the late Professor William Carey Jones of the University of California. This bill has been pronounced one of the most important educational measures in the state—under it, and sponsored in legislature by Assemblyman Frank Farrett of Livermore, the Livermore section was organized as District No. 1.

In Mr. Fisher's busy career, he also found time to take a law course at Hastings Law School in San Francisco and many courses at the State University from which he holds a Master's degree.

Active always in teachers' welfare, he was a prominent factor in the adoption of tenure provisions and took much initiative in the writing and carriage of the Teachers' Annuity and Retirement laws; and to aid in supervising the professional work of the teacher he served many years on the board of trustees of the San Francisco state normal school. During the first thirty years in California he never missed the annual meetings of the State Teachers Association, and during the past thirty years he has continuously been a member of the Alameda county board of education.

In speaking of his educational experience, Mr. Fisher remarked that if, instead of coming to California, he had gone to Oregon where United States Senator Mitchell of Portland and Congressman Herman were his friends, he would probably have gone into law and politics. For this he stated he had no regrets. He is a man who loves school work and knows school work—and is glad his lot was cast in glorious California, into every part of which his lecture work has taken him. He stated that at no time in his entire experience did he enjoy himself more than when teacher of the Sunol school where Judge William Donohu of the Alameda county bench was one of his pupils. He and the latter have maintained ever since the friendship that started then. His relations with his pupils at Irvington and Technical high school of Oakland have given him enduring pleasure.

Mr. Fisher was married at Mission San Jose to Anna C. Laumeister, member of a well known family of California and Alameda county pioneers, a devoted wife and mother and a woman of high ideals. The couple had two daughters and two sons, three of whom are graduates of the University of California. Both sons served in the World war—one, Charles W. Fisher, now an Oakland attorney, as sergeant major of an ammunition train in France; the other, Philip M. Fisher, Jr., a writer by profession and now executive secretary to Mayor John L. Davies of Oakland, as an officer of the United States Destroyer Forces. Miss Annie Emerson, a former pupil and daughter of a pioneer family of Washington township, has been a member of Mr. Fisher's household for thirty-five years.

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### J. LENOX WARD

J. Lenox Ward, who for several years has been engaged in the general practice of law in Oakland, has had many years of professional experience, during which he has enjoyed a well merited reputation as an able, honorable and successful lawyer, and he commands a large and representative clientele. Mr. Ward was born in Shell-rock, Butler county, Iowa, on the 15th of September, 1874, and is a son of Rev. Z. R. and Matilda (Myers) Ward, the former a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1882 the father took up a homestead in South Dakota, to which state he moved his family, establishing a residence in Parker, where he and his wife lived until their deaths.

J. Lenox Ward was about eight years old when the family moved to South Dakota and in the schools of that state he secured his preliminary education, graduating from the high school at Parker in 1893. He entered Upper Iowa University, from which he was graduated in 1898, after which he taught school for two years.



He was graduated from law school in 1904 and in that year moved to Yakima, Washington. He was county clerk of Yakima county, serving during 1906-7, and in the following year entered actively upon the practice of law. In 1908 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Yakima county, serving until 1912, the full time allowed by law, after which he devoted his attention closely to the practice of his profession until 1924, when he came to Oakland and opened offices in the Bank of Italy building, where he is still located. A constant student of his profession, determined and resourceful in the handling of all cases entrusted to him, he has earned a high place among the capable and reliable attorneys of the Alameda county bar and commands both the respect of his colleagues and the confidence of the public.

In 1900 Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Penney, of Staceyville, Iowa, and they are the parents of two sons, Roland C. and Robert F. Mr. Ward is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of the American Revolution, having had eight ancestors in the war for independence. He is a gentleman of straightforward manner and agreeable personality, absolutely dependable under all circumstances, and is regarded as one of his community's best citizens.

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### PRESTON HIGGINS

No citizen of Oakland stands higher in the esteem of his fellowmen than does Preston Higgins, widely known as an able and successful lawyer and the present city attorney. He was born in Fairfield, Somerset county, Maine, April 23, 1891, and is a son of William Francis and Elizabeth Jane (Daugherty) Higgins, the former of whom was born in Bath, Maine, February 17, 1839, and was of Scotch-Irish descent, while the latter, who was born in Council Bluff, Iowa, July 27, 1850, and was of English and French antecedents. William F. Higgins came to California in the early days and was living in Santa Cruz at the outbreak of the Civil war. He responded to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers and during the greater part of the war was engaged in fighting and holding in check the Indians in California and Utah. At the close he was mustered out at Camp Fort Douglas, Utah, and soon afterward met his future wife, who had crossed the plains in 1865. They came to California in March, 1892, and located in Santa Clara county.

Preston Higgins attended and graduated from the Lincoln grammar school at Cupertino, Santa Clara county, and was graduated from the San Jose high school in 1911, after which he entered Leland Stanford University, graduating from that institution in 1915. He had a splendid record there and was the first student to make the varsity debating team in his freshman year, in consequence of which he was admitted to the Delta Sigma Rho international honorary oratorical fraternity during his first year in college. On leaving Leland Stanford he became secretary to the mayor of Oakland, in which position he served until 1919, and has since engaged in the practice of law. He conducts a general practice but specializes in jury trial work, in which he has been remarkably successful, having





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won one hundred and ten out of one hundred and fifteen jury trials, a record that has hardly been excelled in the history of the courts of this country. Thoroughly grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, determined and resourceful in the trial of causes and a forceful and convincing speaker, he is regarded as one of the leaders of the bar of Alameda county. Mr. Higgins served as deputy district attorney from 1921 to 1923 and has been city attorney of Oakland since July 26, 1927.

On April 18, 1917, in Oakland, Mr. Higgins married Miss Beth Jaeger, who was born in Indiana, November 14, 1896, and left an orphan in young girlhood, after which she made her home with her three brothers. Prior to her marriage she served as a deputy in Associated Charities work. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have one daughter, Jane Elizabeth, who is ten years of age and is a pupil in the John Muir school in Berkeley.

Mr. Higgins is a member of Oak Lodge No. 324, L. O. O. M., of which he was dictator in 1922-3; Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E., the Modern Woodmen of America; the Athenian Nile Club; the Athens Athletic Club; the Orinda Country Club; and the Berkeley Tennis Club. During the World war he had charge of the registration and draft for Oakland, under Mayor Davie, who in turn acted under Adjutant General J. J. Boree. After the Mayor had appointed the draft boards, in accordance with the national program, Mr. Higgins acted as advisor to the boards in interpreting their many inquiries as to procedure. He also gave his active support to various other war measures and did effective work throughout that period. A man of keen and alert mentality and a pleasing personality, he makes a favorable impression on all with whom he comes in contact and he commands the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### ONWARD ROSSELL MOLLER

Onward R. Moller, president of the Electric Steel Foundry Company, of Berkeley, owes his present success to his determined efforts along definite and well directed lines, and his record has gained for him an enviable place in the industrial circles of Alameda county. Mr. Moller was born in Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, California, February 12, 1889, a son of Philip Henry and Sarah (Mills) Moller, the latter a native of Canada. His father was born in San Francisco, California, February 6, 1864, and was a son of Captain Henry and Emma (Lang) Moller. Captain Moller, a native of Denmark, was well educated, being able to speak seven or eight languages. He came to California in 1849, locating on Montgomery street, San Francisco, where he followed the trade of ship carpenter and sailmaker but later became captain of a river boat running to Sacramento. He lived to the age of seventy-five years, his wife dying when sixty-six years old. Their only child, Philip H. Moller, who was reared and educated in San Francisco, moved to Napa, and thence to Santa Rosa, which was his home for many years. He secured a public school education there and when twenty-one years of age learned the carpenter trade. He was in business on his own account for awhile but later was for ten years a guard at the San Quentin prison. About five years

ago he came to Berkeley and has since served as carpenter at the Electric Steel Foundry plant. In Santa Rosa he was married to Miss Sarah Mills, and they have three children living. Onward Rossell; Clifford, who is a contractor in steel products in San Francisco; and Blanche, the wife of Richard Snyder, of Vancouver, British Columbia. The mother died in 1907, and in 1908 Mr. Moller was married to Mrs. Sarah McDonnough, who was the mother of a daughter, Lillian, who took her step-father's name and is now the wife of Collin DeVine.

Onward R. Moller was reared in Santa Rosa, San Rafael and San Francisco. He attended the public schools, including the day and night high schools of San Francisco, graduating from the academic course in the latter school in 1910. He served an apprenticeship as electrician, after which he worked for the local telephone company and in various electrical shops. In the meantime he had continued his studies in the night high school, obtaining a rather comprehensive knowledge of bookkeeping, business management and common law. About 1921 he went to work for the Marchant Foundry, in Emeryville, but later entered the employ of the Green Steel Casting Works. This company failed and in 1925 Mr. Moller and A. Klaeger were persuaded to take over the plant. They changed the name to its present form and started in with three employees. By diligent attention to the business and wise management they have achieved noteworthy success, and now give steady employment to twenty-five men. On October 24, 1926, the business was incorporated, with O. R. Moller as president, A. Kloege as secretary and treasurer, and Edward Sextus, as vice president, and with an authorized capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. The company does general jobbing steel foundry work, producing automobile castings, and castings for Diesel engines and gas engines, and for electric equipments.

On January 1, 1911, Mr. Moller was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Hogan, who was born and reared in San Francisco, where her family had long resided, and they are the parents of three children, Chester, Dorothy and Ralph. Mr. Moller is a member of the East Bay Foundrymen's Association and the Berkeley Lions Club. He is a staunch republican in his political views and has shown a live interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community. Mrs. Moller is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic church in Berkeley. Mr. Moller is a man of marked natural ability, possesses a strong personality and agreeable manner, and throughout the community in which he lives is held in high esteem.

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#### ARTHUR L. BRODT

Arthur L. Brodt, manager of the Pacific Meat & Packing Company, at Berkeley, is well qualified for this position, possessing splendid executive ability and a thorough knowledge of the meat business. Mr. Brodt was born in San Francisco, California, on the 13th of March, 1890, is a son of Lincoln and Emma Brodt and is descended from old pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather having come to this state in 1849. His father was born at Quaker Hill, in Grass valley, Nevada county, this state, and was for many years closely identified with mining interests, having served as superintendent of some of California's noted mines. In 1896 he brought

his family to Mont Clair, Alameda county, and is now retired from active business. His wife died March 13, 1926, at the age of fifty-one years.

Arthur L. Brodt received his education in the San Pablo avenue school and the Berkeley high school, and then learned the meat business, becoming an expert butcher. He worked for various meat packing companies, being so engaged when the United States entered the World war. He enlisted for four years in the United States Navy, in which he served until the close of the war, being at Hampton Roads, in the Chesapeake bay, when the Armistice was signed. He had risen to the rank of second class company commander, and at the close of the war resigned and was honorably discharged as a seaman. On his return home, Mr. Brodt went to work for Steinbeck & Company at Berkeley, with whom he remained for four years, and then became manager for the Union Meat & Packing Company, at Oakland. He was with that firm four years and in 1927 resigned in order to accept his present position as manager for the Pacific Meat & Packing Company, at Berkeley, having complete charge of the packing plant. He has discharged his duties in a highly creditable manner and has been an important factor in the successful operation of this business.

In 1913, in Oakland, Mr. Brodt was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Hogan, who was born and reared in that city. Mr. Brodt is a member of the American Legion and gives his political support to the republican party. A man of earnest purpose and upright life, he has been loyal and true in every relation, and has shown sound judgment, great energy and the ability to handle men and at the same time retain their confidence and respect. He has many warm friends throughout this community and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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#### PHILIP M. FISHER, JR.

Philip M. Fisher, Jr., born in Oakland in 1891, and son of P. M. Fisher who for fifty years has been one of California's most prominent educators, has had a varied career in different activities and one that has taken him far afield.

He began, as did his father, as a teacher, being elected to the staff of the Fremont high school shortly after graduation from the University of California in 1913. Teaching during the day at this institution and during the nights conducting the Melrose Evening School, he studied the art of short story writing in the afternoons and in 1916 published his first manuscript in the Youth's Companion, a short essay on the Mennonites of Canada. Shortly thereafter he began publishing with the Munsey Company of New York City, his forte at the time being the wierd and semi-occult.

At the outbreak of the World War, when about to sever connection with school work and go into the literary field, he signed up for service in the United States Navy. The call to active duty took him to the San Pedro Naval Training Station, then to Mare Island, where he was commissioned as ensign. Shortly after the war he was released from active duty, and for some months sold automobiles in Vacaville, Solano county. At the same time he wrote several stories later published by the Munsey Company.

In October, 1919, he accepted active commission in the Navy again, and was attached to the Pacific Fleet destroyer forces. With the old Thirteenth Destroyer Division he spent two years in Chinese and other Oriental waters and gathered much material for fiction. Released in November, 1921, he returned home and again took up fiction, which he followed with success until the fall of 1925, when he became associated with the Oakland Examiner in newspaper work. In this work he stayed until December 1, 1926, when he was appointed executive secretary to Mayor John L. Davie of Oakland, in which duty he now stands.

Mr. Fisher has published several serial stories and many shorter works in such magazines as *Argosy*, *All-Story*, *Munseys*, *Sunset*, *Adventure*, *Short Stories*, *Sea Stories*, and others. Every part of his experience has been utilized in fiction, his writings including not only his earlier work in the occult, but stories of the navy and the sea, of China, of school work, and of western mining country. He is a member of the California Writers' Club and other writing organizations.

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#### W. H. REES

W. H. Rees, managing superintendent of the El Dorado Oil Works, at Berkeley, is regarded as one of the leading chemical engineers of this part of the country, for he has not only proven capable and efficient along technical lines, but is also a successful executive, having operated the El Dorado plant in a very able and satisfactory manner. He was born on a farm just west of Colusa, Colusa county, California, in March 1871, and is a son of Stephen and Elizabeth Jane (Smith) Rees. His father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to California, by way of the isthmus of Panama, in 1852, with his parents, and on reaching maturity engaged in farming in Colusa county.

There W. H. Rees spent his boyhood years, attending the public schools to the age of fifteen years, when he entered Hopkins Academy, in Oakland, and was graduated in 1889. He then pursued the chemical engineering course, including assaying, metallurgy and allied subjects, in the University of California, and was graduated in 1893. He first worked in the chemical department of the Giant Powder Company, at Giant Contra Costa county, and later for the Vigorite Powder Company, at El Cerito, this state, helping to establish its plant. During the hard times immediately following, he was dropped from the payroll temporarily, at which period he became connected with the wine business as chemist for the Condensed Must Company, which was engaged in concentrating fresh grape juice for shipment to France, where it was used in reinforcing foreign wines, a process which was not an entire success. Following this, Mr. Rees taught a country school for one year, as business in his professional line was very dull. Early in the '90s he became connected with the El Dorado Oil Works as assistant in the chemical laboratory. About that time W. B. Rising was at the head of the department of chemistry in the University of California and assigned Mr. Rees to a position as assistant to the state analyst in chemistry, while during that period he also taught chemistry in the Boone Academy, in Berkeley. At that time a manufacturer of fireworks in San Francisco was experiencing trouble with his foreman and chief

chemist, who refused to divulge the secret formulas used in the making of the various kinds of fireworks. He got into touch with Mr. Rees, whom he employed, and the latter immediately set to work, making chemical analyses and experiments, and soon had discovered the secrets of the construction of sky rockets, roman candles, bombs and set pieces, and, through his persistent and intelligent efforts, was able to duplicate everything that the former chemist had produced, including the famed electric star, completing this work in 1898. During this period he had retained his connection with the El Dorado Oil Works, but in 1899 resigned his position and, going to Inyo county, this state, became superintendent and manager of a borax concern in Saline valley, known as the Western Borax Company, for which he served as chemist for six years. In March, 1905, he returned to Alameda county as chemist for the Alameda Sugar Company, with which he remained until 1911, and in January, 1912, he returned to the El Dorado Oil Works as chemist, while at the same time he gave a course of lectures in applied chemistry at the University of California. He served for several years as assistant to the superintendent, Mr. Searly, and on the latter's death, in 1915, Mr. Rees was made managing superintendent, which position he still holds. At that time the business had outgrown its plant and Mr. Rees drew the plans and superintended the construction of the new mill, installing much new machinery, some of which is of his own invention.

The El Dorado Oil Works, located at Second street and University avenue, Berkeley, was established in 1892 and has been profitably operated. The first oil mill, known as the Pacific Oil Mill, was established in San Francisco in the early '80s, but the El Dorado Company has become the leading concern of the kind in the country. Its special line is cocoanut oil, which it extracts from copra, brought from the South sea islands, Singapore and Sidney, Australia, being the principal sources of supply. The copra is shipped to the Oakland wharf on the Dollar line steamboats, whence it is transported by rail to the mill. Here is produced the famous Snowflake brand of cocanut oil, which is shipped out in steel tank cars. About five cars, or thirty-five thousand gallons of the oil, are produced daily, the output being sold mainly in the United States, though some is also shipped to Canada, Mexico and Hawaii. It is used in the manufacture of soaps, foods and cooking oils, among the extensive buyers of the oil being such firms as Armour & Company, Swift & Company, the Fairbank Company, the Hoskins Soap Company, the Southern Cotton Oil Company, Procter & Gamble, and the Palm Olive-Pett Brothers Manufacturing Company. The plant, which covers an area of two and a half acres, represents an investment of five hundred thousand dollars and gives steady employment to one hundred men, the main building being one hundred by four hundred feet, and high in proportion. Six thousand tons of copra are handled each month and the aggregate business of the company for 1927 amounted to over eight million dollars. In spite of the fact that last year was one of general depression in most lines of business, the El Dorado plant was run continuously night and day, showing a steady increase in product. One of the secrets of its success has been the fact that the product has been maintained at a uniformly high standard of purity. A valuable by-product of the El Dorado plant is the "El Dorado Cocoanut Oil Cake Meal," which is an excellent stock food and is now extensively used for milk cows, hogs and poultry. Three carloads of this

meal is produced daily, is packed in one-hundred-pound sacks, and great quantities of it are shipped to the poultrymen of Petaluma, while thousands of tons go to the dairymen in Humboldt county. Mr. Rees is the inventor and patentee of a number of machines which have greatly facilitated the operation of the plant, one of which is a weighing machine, a wonderful mechanical and electrical apparatus, which has proven very successful. It is entirely automatic and absolutely accurate, and it is now protected by patents in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany and other manufacturing countries.

In Berkeley, in January, 1900, Mr. Rees was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Brehn, who was born in Illinois, but was reared and educated in California. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the art department of the Berkeley public schools. They had a son, Edward, who died when nineteen years old. Mr. Rees is a staunch republican, is a member of the Sigma Xi college fraternity, the Rotary Club and the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. He has devoted his efforts closely to the interests of the company with which he is connected and his record stamps him as a man of outstanding ability and achievement. To a marked degree he possesses the qualities essential to success as a manager, being a man of clear-headed judgment, tactful in handling men, absolute loyal to his employers and enthusiastically interested in his work. Among his associates he is cordial and affable and throughout the community is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### FRANK ORRA

Among the pioneers of the Melrose district of Oakland, who were actively interested in the development of their community, contributing through their individual efforts to its improvement and progress, the late Frank Orra is deserving of specific mention. For a number of years he conducted a successful nursery business and held a prominent and influential place among his fellow men, being recognized as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, well worthy the confidence and respect which were accorded him. Mr. Orra was born in France July 7, 1847, and received a good education in the schools of that country. When eighteen years of age, he emigrated to the United States, coming to California by way of the isthmus of Panama. In San Francisco he met Miss Marianne Bernamayou, who was a schoolmate of his in France and who had come to this country when a girl of twelve years, and they were married there in 1871. Mr. Orra came to Oakland soon afterwards and opened a grocery store at East Fourteenth street and Twenty-fourth avenue, where the Grant Miller funeral parlors are now located. He was successful in that enterprise but later sold the property to J. R. Talcott and bought a lot, one hundred and sixty by three hundred and sixty feet, at Central avenue (now Fifty-fifth avenue) and East Fourteenth street, and there engaged in the nursery business, under the name of the Central Nursery. He prospered in this venture, building up a large business, and was long the leader in his line in this part of the city. He conducted the business until 1905, when, because of poor health, he retired, and was not thereafter actively engaged in business pursuits, his death occurring March 24, 1920. His wife died October 20, 1926.



Mr. Orra took an active interest in the welfare of the community from the time he took up his residence here and was a leader in various movements for the betterment of the locality, being particularly solicitous as to the schools, advocating the best educational facilities. When he moved to Fifty-fifth avenue he took an active part in organizing the Melrose sanitary district and in securing transportation for the people of East Oakland. He was a man of clear-headed judgment, progressive views and energetic methods, did well whatever he undertook, and was held in high esteem by everyone who knew him, for he was unselfish and indefatigable in his efforts for the general good.

To Mr. and Mrs. Orra were born two children, Marie Rosalie and Camille Frank. Marie Rosalie became the wife of Alfred Seyden, who has been a member of the police department of Oakland for the past eighteen years and is now serving as sergeant-at-arms of the city council. He was born in San Francisco and is a son of John Henry Seyden, who came across the plains to this state in 1848. He took an active part in the early affairs of the state, having been a member of the Vigilantes. For a number of years he was in the mines of Calaveras county, but later engaged in the grocery business in what is now known as Chinatown, in San Francisco. He became a member of the police department of that city and was prominent in political affairs, frequently having been a delegate to state conventions. In his later years he made his home in Hays Valley, where his death occurred at the age of eighty years. Alfred Seyden has been a resident of Oakland since 1902 and his excellent record in the public safety service has won for him a high place in public regard. Mr. Orra was a staunch republican in his political views, and was a member of the Ancient United Order of Druids and the Improved Order of Red Men. Kindly and affable in manner, he was widely known throughout his section of the city and no resident of this community had more warm and loyal friends than did he.

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#### MRS. ESTHER REYNOLDS TAYLOR

The Glen Taylor School, at Alameda, has long been recognized as one of the distinctive educational institutions of central California, and through its founder and principal, Esther Reynolds Taylor, has rendered invaluable service to her state. Its twenty-five years of history has been a record of earnest, able and well directed effort, affording the highest type of training in the development of body, mind and character, and because of her outstanding success Mrs. Taylor holds an enviable place in the ranks of the successful educators of the state. Mrs. Taylor is a native of Illinois, in which state she was reared and educated, attending Rockford College and La Salle University. In 1886 she came to Oakland, California, and in 1902 established the Glen Taylor School, of which she has been the head continuously since. This well known school is for boys and girls and the course of study embraces the grades from pre-primary to and including the second year of high school. First established as a kindergarten, its educational program was enlarged two years later and through the subsequent years it has enjoyed a well merited popularity, two generations of some families having attended here.

The instruction includes music, French, dancing, physical training, swimming, rowing and other desirable subjects, the predominating aim of the school being the development of its students into well rounded young men and women, mentally and physically. The classes are small, so that each pupil receives individual instruction during the formative period of life. The delightful situation of the school on the bay shore, with beautiful natural surroundings; its splendid equipment and a strong and well-selected faculty, all combine to afford unusually favorable opportunity for the proper education of those so fortunate as to be admitted to this school. The school maintains a summer lodge on Lake Orindor and a scout master looks after the boys during their outing periods. Mrs. Taylor has devoted herself closely to the school, in the successful record of which she takes a justifiable pride, and her life work has received recognition throughout the community. She is president of the Alameda Business and Professional Women's Club and commands the respect and admiration of all who know her.

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#### NAT LENA

Nat Lena, of Alameda, deserves much credit for reaching the splendid position which he now occupies in business circles, for he began his career in this country without money or influential friends and through capability, gradually forged ahead despite obstacles and discouragements and is now one of the successful men of his community. Mr. Lena was born on a farm near Lucca, Italy, on the 21st of December, 1885, and is a son of Barto and Anena Lena. He had but limited opportunity for a school education, for, at the age of eight years he was following the plow on the home farm. At the age of ten years he was taking contracts for farm plowing, and was working from three o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night. He started to do odd jobs on his father's farm in Italy when very young and when about seven years of age began looking after the stock on the farm. One day his father sent him to hunt the cows and drive them home for milking. He became lost in the forest and wandered about over the hills for two weeks, at the end of which time he met a man who took him home to his parents.

In 1902 Mr. Lena emigrated to the United States, landing at New York, and there obtained work in a laundry and as a dish washer in a restaurant. During this period he was endeavoring to make up for his previous lack of education by attending night school in New York. In the hope of bettering his condition he went to West Virginia where, for a few years, he worked in coal mines, but decided to return to New York. Not having money for carfare, he walked from West Virginia to New York, working his way as he went, and made the trip in thirty-six days. He now turned his attention to the cement industry, being employed in carrying buckets of cement used in the construction of large sky scrapers. From New York Mr. Lena went to Ohio, where he obtained work in drilling railroad tunnels, and from there went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed as a cement worker on the world's fair grounds. He arrived in San Francisco, California, March 5, 1907, with a cash capital of seven dollars and fifty cents, and was fortunate in quickly finding employment with the Oakland Con-



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crete Company. While on that job he worked on the construction of the city hall, the Bank of Italy building on Eleventh street, and other important buildings, and then, coming to Alameda, became a foreman for A. LaPlant, with whom he remained for six years. In 1914 Mr. Lena started in business on his own account, under the name of N. Lena, and has been very successful. He has done a large amount of contracting throughout this section of the county, among the buildings erected by him being the Alta Bates sanitarium, the Oakland-Scavenger building, Cochran & Celli garage Oakland, the buildings on the Fairmede Golf Club grounds, the Jewish synagogue in Alameda, and a number of buildings in Burlingame and Walnut Creek. Thorough and painstaking in everything he does, the high quality of his work has been his best recommendation and he is regarded as a trustworthy and dependable man in all of his engagements. When he started in business for himself in Alameda he began in a small way. All concrete at that time was mixed on boards with a shovel, and a wheelbarrow was used to transport it to the concrete forms. The people of Alameda can well remember Nat Lena and his start in the cement contracting business but he laid a fine foundation for his future enterprise, and today he ranks as one of the largest and best known cement contractors in the Bay cities, while his equipment is modern and up-to-date in his line.

Mr. Lena is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Italy in Alameda. Fraternally he is identified with Speranza Lodge, No. 219, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; is treasurer of the Foresters of America and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Druids, the Foresters of America, the Alameda Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was made a citizen of this country in 1912 and has loyally upheld its institutions and best interests. He is one of the prominent members of the Cheese-rollers Club of San Francisco, an Italian organization, in which the members play a game similar to the American game of bowling, excepting that they use balls of cheese instead of wooden balls. Mr. Lena is an expert player and has won a number of prizes at this game. He is a man of high business ideals, always giving a fair deal, and among his stanchest friends are those who have done business with him. He has shown a keen interest in the progress and welfare of his community and is well worthy the respect and confidence which are accorded him by his fellowmen.

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### FRANK GARATTI

Honor is due the individual who, beginning his active career a poor boy in a strange land and amid unfamiliar surroundings, eventually, through his determined and persistent efforts, forges ahead and reaches a position of independence, influence and honor among his fellowmen. Such is the record of Frank Garatti, of Pleasanton, who is now numbered among his community's prosperous and respected citizens. He is a native of Italy, born on the 26th of August, 1879, and was there reared and educated. In 1895 at the age of sixteen years, he emigrated to the United States alone, coming direct to Pleasanton and here secured employment with the Remillard Brick Company, one of the pioneer industries of this locality, with which he remained eight years. He ran a boarding house for four years, and then

started a winery, buying grapes and making wine. Later he bought land and planted a vineyard, most of his grapes being of the black variety, and he has added to his acreage as he has prospered until now he has two hundred and fifty acres in cultivation, being the leading grape grower of the valley. He produces five hundred and fifty tons of grapes annually, which he ships in carload lots to the eastern market. Mr. Garatti has realized splendid success in this line of business and has wisely invested in real estate, being the owner of several valuable properties in Oakland, in addition to his holdings in Pleasanton.

Mr. Garatti was united in marriage to Miss Ida Robolli, a native of Italy, from which country she was brought to the United States at the age of three years. They are the parents of three children, Zeld, Florence and Hazel. Mr. Garatti gives his political support to the republican party and has shown a helpful interest in the welfare of his community. He is now serving his third term as a member of the board of town trustees, having charge of the department of streets and buildings. He is a member of the Ancient United Order of Druids, the I. D. E. S. and the U. P. E. C. In all of his affairs he has exercised sagacity and judgment of high order, tireless industry, sound common sense and wise economy standing as the elements which have most largely contributed to his success. He is cordial and friendly in manner and throughout the community in which he lives he commands the good will and regard of his fellowmen.

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### JOSEPH DIEVES

The East Bay district of Alameda county is indebted to Germany for many of its best citizens, who have contributed in very large measure to the development and prosperity of their respective communities. Of this number was the late Joseph Dieves, who indicated his faith in the future possibilities of Oakland by making large investments in real estate here, and later developments abundantly proved the accuracy of his judgment. The year 1853 witnessed his arrival in California. His birth occurred at Heimeitzheim on the Rhine, Germany, August 24, 1816, and he there received his educational training in the public schools. At an early age he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker, and followed that trade in his native land until twenty-five years of age when he left home and spent three years in acquiring an added knowledge of his trade through practical experience in Belgium, France and Holland. He then returned home but in 1847 came to the new world settling first in Boston, Massachusetts. A year later he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, remaining a resident of that city until 1853 when he came to California by way of the Isthmus route. After three months spent in Sonora he came to Alameda county, locating in Oakland where he was employed at the carpenter's trade for a time. He then went to San Leandro where he purchased five acres of land on which he built the Eagle Hotel, the first public house in that section of the county. In 1861 he went into the country and opened a road house on the old stage road to Stockton and in these ventures success attended his efforts but desiring a larger field of operation he built the Globe Hotel in San Francisco. After conducting it for a time he leased the Cosmopolitan Hotel at the corner of

Seventh street and Broadway in Oakland and conducted this until 1868 when he sold to J. J. Hannifin and returned to his native land for a visit. On again coming to California he acquired an interest in the Oakland brewery, remaining a partner in that enterprise until his death, which occurred August 9, 1889. Through the pioneer period he had assisted in the material development and upbuilding of the region and the value of his labors in this section was widely recognized and appreciated.

In 1846 Joseph Dieves was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Gette, also a native of Germany, who died in 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years. They were parents of two children, Joseph Peter and Mary A., who in 1868 became the wife of I. Surryhue and died July 2, 1903. They have an adopted daughter Gertrude M., who became the wife of Thomas Bibber.

Joseph Peter Dieves was born at Cologne, Germany, January 2, 1847, but was only eight years of age when his father Joseph Dieves, established his family in the home on the San Leandro road near San Leandro. Thereafter he was closely identified with Alameda county and for many years ranked as one of her most popular citizens especially among the sporting fraternity. He became the owner of the Three Mile House on the San Leandro road now East Fourteenth street, having there five acres with picnic grounds, race track and other features. This was the rendezvous of the East Bay sporting fraternity and the colored pugilist, the late Peter Jackson trained there for all of his contests on the coast and was backed financially by Joseph P. Dieves. His father, who had amased a fortune in connection with the Oakland Brewery, started him in business but Joseph P. Dieves showed marked capability in directing and conducting his affairs. The Three Mile House became famous for its splendid meals while its cigars, wines and liquors were unsurpassed. It was regarded as the greatest treat that could be extended a friend to entertain him at the Three Mile House.

Mr. Dieves was married in Oakland, November 22, 1868, to Rose F. Siegrist, who was a famous acrobat and noted tight rope walker. They became the parents of three children: Joseph A., Charles I., and Adeline M., the wife of J. Parsons, all living in Alameda county. The mother's death occurred April 28, 1894, when she was forty-seven years of age. On the eighth of October, 1895, in Oakland, Joseph P. Dieves was married to Miss Lilliam Plitt, a daughter of Justis Daniel and Ida Plitt, who were natives of Germany, and became pioneers of Alameda county, where the father was proprietor of Plittsville Park. He was well known as a popular hotel keeper and pioneer and after selling the popular summer resort, Piedmont Springs, he became the owner and proprietor of the Plittsville Hotel, about a half mile from Three Mile House, owned by Peter Dieves. This he also made an attractive resort to the public. Mrs. Dieves was born in San Jose, April 4, 1874, and was one of three children: Emma, who became the wife of Edward Baldwin, and was killed in a railway accident. and Elizabeth, now the wife of William F. Maxwell of Stockton. The youngest daughter Lillian was reared in Piedmont and attended its schools.

In young manhood Joseph P. Dieves was a member of the Oakland Fire department. His genial manner made him known as "Joe" to all with whom he came in contact. As time went on his popularity increased as his acquaintance broadened, he became a factor in county politics but while he assisted many a

friend to success in the political field he never aspired to office. He seems satisfied to aid his friends and this he did in other ways than in politics. It is said that the needy were never refused aid at his door and in his passing, Alameda county lost a citizen long a prominent figure in the county. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he had in large measure those splendid qualities which make for genial companionship and strong friendship.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Dieves was born one son, William J., who is an accountant and resides with his widowed mother in the beautiful residence which they built in 1926 at 581 Kenwyn Road.

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### THOMAS M. ROBINSON, JR.

Thomas M. Robinson, Jr., manager of the West Berkeley branch of the American Trust Company, has long been identified with the banking interests of this section of the state, and has gained a well merited reputation for sound judgment and dependability. He has a splendid war record, has been a loyal and public-spirited citizen and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Robinson was born in Oakland, California, on the 7th of November, 1894, and is a son of Thomas M. and Mary J. (Havens) Robinson, who now reside in Denver, Colorado, being respectively seventy and sixty-five years of age. Thomas M. Robinson is well known in the East Bay district, having been an early settler of this locality, and was prominent in local public affairs, having served for a number of years as chief deputy assessor of Alameda county. Upon his election to his present position as head clerk of the Woodmen of the World he moved to Denver, Colorado, where the head office of that order is located. Mrs. Robinson's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Shattuck, was a sister of Francis K. Shattuck, who was the first permanent settler in Berkeley and in whose honor Shattuck avenue, the principal street in this city, was named. He was also the founder of the First National Bank, the earliest financial institution in Berkeley. This bank was taken over by the American Trust Company in 1922, being now known as the Berkeley branch of that institution.

Thomas M. Robinson, Jr., was reared in Oakland and Berkeley, and graduated from the Fremont high school in the former city in 1912. He then entered the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco, beginning as a messenger, but received promotions until he became teller, in which position he was serving when his country entered the World war. He at once enlisted in the Masonic Ambulance Company, which later became officially known as the Three Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ambulance Company, and went into training at Camp Lewis. Being ordered overseas, he sailed from New York, landing at Southampton, and was soon afterward in the thick of the war activities in France, taking part in the St. Mihiel drive, the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the battles on the Belgium front, and was on the Lys-Scheldt front in Belgium when the Armistice was signed. In 1919 he returned to the United States, arriving at Camp Upton, Long Island, on Easter morning, and was honorably discharged at the Presidio, San Francisco. Mr. Robinson then entered the First National Bank of Berkeley as teller, remaining there until that



institution was taken over by the American Trust Company, in 1922, when he opened the Elmwood branch of the Mercantile Trust Company. In January, 1927, the American Bank and the Mercantile Trust Company were merged under the name of the American Trust Company, of which these Berkeley banks are now branches, and at that time Mr. Robinson, who was still serving as manager of the Elmwood branch, was transferred as manager to the West Berkeley branch of the American Trust Company, which office he is still filling in a very able and satisfactory manner.

On October 10, 1926, in Applegate, Placer county, California, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Ione Graham, who was born in San Francisco and is a daughter of Douglas J. Graham, secretary and treasurer of the Vulcan Iron Works of that city. Mr. Robinson is a Mason and an Elk. He was one of the organizers of Berkeley Post, No. 7, A. L., of which he is the present head, having been elected commander January 1, 1928. He is a director and treasurer of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, belongs to the West Berkeley Manufacturers' Association and was one of the founders and served for three years as president of the College Avenue Commercial Association. He is a member of the Berkeley city planning commission and has given freely of his time and effort to the various movements for the promotion of his community's interests along material and civic lines. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Congregational church of Berkeley, and in the social circles in which they move are deservedly popular.

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### HENRY FREDERICK EDSON

Henry F. Edson, a member of the well known law firm of Seccombe & Edson, of Oakland, has gained a high place among the members of the Alameda county bar, due to his record as an able and reliable attorney, so that he commands a large and remunerative clientele. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and is a son of Henry F. and Sophia (Wirth) Edson. Henry F. Edson, who died shortly before his son's birth, was in the United States Army for many years. His widow is now living in Berkeley, California.

Henry F. Edson attended the public schools of Muscatine, Iowa, to which place his mother had moved, and, having become an accomplished musician, he took up concert work, traveling extensively over the Southern states until 1911, when he came to California. For awhile he lived in Oakland, but later went to Santa Cruz, where he taught in the high school. Ambitious to enter the legal profession, he took up the study of law in the office of former Lieutenant Governor William T. Jeter, at Santa Cruz, and was admitted to practice at Sacramento, April 1, 1919. He had previously served his country during the World war in the Department of Justice, under the United States Attorney General. Locating in Wyoming, he was engaged in the practice of law for five years, and during that period also became interested in the oil developments of that state. In 1924 Mr. Edson returned to Oakland and engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he has successfully continued to the present time. In April, 1927, he formed a partnership with Charles

H. Seccombe, under the firm name of Seccombe & Edson, which has proven a strong combination, the firm enjoying an enviable reputation in legal circles.

Mr. Edson was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Mae McWhorter, a native of this state, and to them have been born three children, Henry F., Jr., Eleanor Mae and Patricia Wirth. In his political views Mr. Edson has always been a stanch democrat, active in his support of that party. He served as chairman of the democratic central committee in Santa Cruz county and during one of President Wilson's campaigns he was chairman of the speakers' bureau in San Francisco. While in Wyoming he was a potent factor in the election of Governor Ross and was the democratic candidate for state senator, being defeated by only fifty votes. He is a member of West Point Lodge, No. 159, A. F. & A. M.; Santa Cruz Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M.; Santa Cruz Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; Oakland Consistory, No. 2, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temples, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Santa Cruz Chapter, No. 273, O. E. S. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He is affiliated with the California State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Edson is a prominent figure in the music circles of Oakland and San Francisco, possessing a pleasing, robust tenor voice, and is frequently heard in solo and concert work, being also the director of the Scottish Rite choir. He holds a commission as captain in the Officers Reserve Corps, and is a member of Sainte Claire Court, No. 31, O. of A.; San Francisco Chapter, No. 18, National sojourners club, composed of army, navy and marine officers, who are Masons. He is Grand Commander of the supreme council of Loyal Patriots, and also belongs to the Fifty-Fifty Club. He possesses a genial and cordial manner that makes for friendships, and throughout the wide range of his acquaintance is held in the highest measure of esteem.

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### HERBERT W. LOW

Herbert W. Low is closely associated with the milk and milk products industry in Alameda county, being president of the East Bay Creamery Company, one of the most important concerns of the kind in this district. Through his enterprise and judicious management he has built up a prosperous business and has a well established reputation for progressive and up-to-date methods. Mr. Low was born in Taylorville, Christian county, Illinois, on the 4th of February, 1878, and is a son of S. A. and Marietta (Stewart) Low. He received his early educational training in the public and high schools of his native city and later attended Chicago University. He then went to work in a creamery, beginning at the bottom and thoroughly learning every step of the business. In 1906 he came to California, locating first in San Francisco, where he successfully engaged in handling dairy products until 1916, when he established his present business in Oakland. This proved a profitable venture which he carried on alone until 1922, when its growth demanded a larger organization and the enterprise was incorporated under the name of the East Bay Creamery Company, with Mr. Low as president. Soon afterward the plant was considerably enlarged and modernized in every respect, being now one of the most up-to-date establishments in the county. The company handles

milk, cream and all dairy products and has a large and steadily increasing business. Mr. Low is also at the head of the H. W. Low Company, at Tracy, California, and the Hughson Condensed Milk Company, near Modesto, both of which manufacture condensed and powdered milk, about sixty people being employed at each of the plants. The milk and cream used in these plants are brought from the farmers of their respective localities, and thus they are directly contributing to the prosperity of the community. Their products are largely exported to the Orient and shipped to the eastern states.

Mr. Low was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kelly, who is a native of Wisconsin, and they are the parents of a son, John S., who is a student in Leland Stanford University. Mr. Low votes with the republican party and he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athens Club and the Claremont Country Club. Of cordial and friendly manner, he is deservedly popular among his associates, while in the business circles of Oakland he is held in high regard for his ability and attainments.

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### JAMES H. BRIGGS

Among the younger business men in Berkeley, James H. Briggs, senior member of the firm of C. and C. Realtors, has gained distinction for his hustling, up-to-date and progressive qualities, and well merited success is rewarding his efforts. Mr. Briggs was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, New York, January 12, 1898, and is a son of George Henry and Abbie (Van Auken) Briggs. The father, who was born in New York, followed carpentering and building, and died when his son, James, was but two years old. The mother was born in Tarrytown, Pennsylvania, where her family had long been established, and after the death of her husband she came to California and is now making her home with her son, James, in Berkeley, being sixty-four years of age.

James H. Briggs attended the public schools in Cortland, New York, in addition to which he pursued commercial courses in two institutions, taking the regular business course in the Buffalo Technical School and a banking course in the American Institute of Banking, from which he was graduated at Oakland, California, after four years of study. Upon completing his school work in New York, he went to Niagara Falls, where he obtained employment under his brother, Wallace Briggs, who was superintendent of the Carborundum Company, and was working there when the United States entered the World war. He enlisted in the Sixth Engineer Corps of the regular army, with which he served two years and four months, twenty-one months of which time was spent in France and Germany. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, August 29, 1919. He then returned to Cortland, New York, and was made manager of a Grand Union Tea Company store, in which he was successful, his year's report showing a doubling of the business and a reduction of seven per cent in expenses. On quitting that business, in 1920, Mr. Briggs came to Berkeley and, while completing his studies at the American Institute of Banking, served as note teller in the Old First National Bank of Berkeley, while later he became teller at

the New First National Bank, which position he held until 1925, when he became a salesman with the C. and C. Realtors. He was successful and, recognizing the future possibilities of the business, eight months later he bought a partnership interest in it and has since been at the head of the real estate department, which he has developed into an important and prosperous business. His partner is William G. Erving, who has charge of the insurance department, which embraces all kinds except life insurance. The firm enjoys an enviable record for reliability and honorable dealing and stands among the leading concerns in its lines in Alameda county.

On February 28, 1922, in Berkeley, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage to Miss Cora Lozer, who was born in Ohio, but was living in this city at the time of her marriage. To them have been born two children, Albert Hugh and Marjorie Anne. Mr. Briggs gives his political support to the republican party and is keenly interested in public affairs. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Berkeley, and he and his wife are members of the North Congregational church, of which he served three years as treasurer. He resides in a comfortable and attractive home at 52 Northampton Road and he and his wife are extremely popular in the social circles, while throughout the community Mr. Briggs commands confidence and respect because of his excellent business record and his sterling character.

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### ROY T. WISE

In business and civic affairs of Berkeley Roy T. Wise has taken a prominent part. He is president of the Standard Die and Tool Company, Inc., and has not only achieved a worthy and well merited success in a material way but is regarded as one of his city's most progressive and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Wise was born at Lockeford, San Joaquin county, California, on the 5th of November, 1886, a son of G. W. and Margaret Alice (Ross) Wise. The father was born near Augusta, Maine, where he lived until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services to his country and was commissioned a captain in the Union Army. He served under General Sherman and while in Tennessee he met the girl who later became his wife. She was born in Hardin county, that state, and is a descendant of "Betty" Ross, who made the first American national flag. In the locality where she was born were also born the notorious Jesse and Frank James. After the war Mr. and Mrs. Wise came to California, settling at Lockeford, which had the distinction of being one of the first farming communities in this state to be settled. Mr. Locke, after whom the place was named, settled there before the discovery of gold. He had crossed the plains with Brigham Young and his party, whom he accompanied as far as Salt Lake, Utah, where Young stopped, but, not being of the Mormon faith, Mr. Locke proceeded to California and located in the San Joaquin valley in the early '40s. There Mr. Wise successfully engaged in farming and he eventually erected one of the finest residences in the valley. Some years later a disastrous fire destroyed the home, and during the progress of the fire the father, thinking



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that his youngest child was in the burning house, over-exerted himself in his efforts to get to him. As a result of his excitement, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered and was crippled during the remainder of his life. Not being able to attend to business, he suffered severe financial reverses and later moved to Lodi and eventually to Oklahoma City, where his death occurred in 1909 at the age of seventy-two years. He is survived by his widow, who is now residing at Valley Springs, Calaveras county, this state, at the age of seventy years. To Mr. and Mrs. Wise were born seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Mildred, who is the widow of Robert Leam and lives in Richmond, California; John, who is an engineer for the Union Oil Company at Oleum, California; Alice, the wife of C. C. Meyer, who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Stockton, California; Roy T., of this review; Irene, the wife of John Bowman, who is production manager for the Western Harvester Company, at Stockton; Calvin, who is employed in gold dredging at Hammondton, Yuba county, this state; and Edward, who is a division manager for the Standard Oil Company and resides at Lockeford.

Roy T. Wise was reared at Lockeford and after the failure of his father's health assisted in caring for the family. He manfully assumed this responsibility and, as one result, the greater part of his education was received in the school of hard knocks and stern experience. From Lockeford the family moved to Lodi, and thence to Calaveras county, where he worked on the cattle ranch of his uncle, Thomas Ross, until eighteen years of age. He then went to Stockton and later worked in gold mines in and around Jackson. Being industrious and steady and of a mechanical turn of mind, he proved a valuable employe and rose to the position of mine shift boss. He continued in the mines until twenty-three years old, when he removed to Stockton, where he was married, and remained there a short time. Later he returned to the southern mines for a time, and, in October, 1912, came to the Bay district, where he went to work for the Key Route System as a mechanic. Here he was employed in the making of frogs and other contrivances for crossings, and later was with the Westinghouse Pacific Coast Airbrake Company at Emeryville. There he learned tool making, and remained with that concern for five and a half years. During the World war he offered his services to the government and was sent to the Mare Island navy yard as an engineer.

During these years Mr. Wise was not only gaining valuable practical experience, but was also gaining a knowledge of the theoretical side of mechanics, through taking a course in mechanical engineering with the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. After the war he entered the employ of the Hall-Scott Motor Car Company, where he had been engaged in the building of student aircraft motors (Liberty motors) for the government during the war. He remained with that concern until the post-war slump in business, when he went to the Apex Manufacturing Company, being with that company until business again became normal, when he returned to the Hall-Scott company, for whom he worked until 1923, when he resigned and established his present business.

In 1924 Mr. Wise incorporated the Standard Die and Tool Company, of which he is the president and the principal stockholder, Earl T. Casler, of Oakland, being secretary and treasurer. The company occupies a splendid and attractive building at Eighth and Carlton streets, which is a two-story brick structure in

front, while the rear, or main factory portion is one story, of concrete and steel construction. The building, which was erected in October, 1924, cost eighteen thousand dollars, and the mechanical equipment, which consists of heavy, specialized and expensive machinery, brings the total investment up to one hundred thousand dollars. About thirty highly trained expert machinists are employed and the products of the plant, consisting mainly of tool equipments, is of the highest class in every respect.

A resume of the activities of the Standard Die and Tool Company is well presented in the house organ, "The Toolmaker," in the following words: "Over a period of years there have come into our organization mechanical inventive geniuses who have contributed brilliantly to our knowledge, and skilled workmen whose consistent good work is as regular, dependable and constant as the sun. In all that we have accomplished, we owe much to the inspired talents of our men. The standardized qualities of our products give the assurance that you will keep pace with the trend of tomorrow. If you need production tools tell us what your requirements are. We will meet you more than half way in time and men to help you develop ideas. In our engineering department we have trained men who will bring to you the combined experience of many tooling problems. In our shop we have a crew of toolmakers and modern equipment to meet the most exacting specifications in the construction of boring bar equipment, turret lathe tools, jigs, fixtures, dies and special machines. We manufacture and carry in stock a full line of standard drill jigs, die sets, drill bushings, bushing handles, high-speed reamer blades, surface plates, angle plates, cubes, V. blocks, parallels, rest pins, leader pins, gauges, arbors, hand wheels and knobs, and other toolroom and machine shop accessories."

On September 1, 1910, in Stockton, California, Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Pansy E. Casle, a member of a well known pioneer family of the San Joaquin valley, her paternal grandfather having been the first settler at French Camp. This fact led to an annual event of considerable local importance—the Casle family reunion—and Mr. Wise was a member of the committee of arrangements for the reunion which was held at French Camp on the last Sunday in May, 1928. Mrs. Wise is descended on the maternal side from Mary, Queen of Scots, while on her father's side one of her ancestors was knighted for reading the burial service for that queen. Mr. and Mrs. Wise became the parents of five children, namely: Eleanor, who died at the age of five and a half years; Rowena, who is attending the Berkeley high school; Paul and Mary who are in the Longfellow grammar school; and Roy Theodore, Jr.

Mr. Wise has been accepted for membership in the Masonic fraternity. His religious faith is that of the Church of Christ, Scientist, being a past president of the First church in Oakland and now at the head of the lecture committee for the East Bay district. He is vice president of the Berkeley Manufacturers Association and president of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Rotary Club, being chairman of the boys' work committee; is a member of the council of the Boy Scouts of Berkeley; and is president of the West Berkeley Young Men's Christian Association. A deep thinker and a fluent speaker, he is frequently called upon to address meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, and enjoys a well deserved popularity throughout the range of his



acquaintance, both because of his business ability, his sterling character and his pleasing personality. As indicative of the trend of his thought along practical lines, the following quotations are given from "The Toolmaker," which is edited by Mr. Wise; "Mechanical results are achieved by the thoughts of extraordinary men working in combination. The automobile and passenger bus are the results of many intelligent men working incessantly for the past generation, learning from one another, each one correcting his own mistakes as well as helping others to see theirs, at last arriving at the present state of development in automobile and passenger bus building." . . . "One thing that every man gets for working is money. The other things are working conditions, opportunity for promotion, respect from fellow workers and executives, a good community for himself and his family to live in. He must be able to work happily and safely." . . . "We all make errors—that's why rubbers are furnished on lead pencils. But try to make the rubber last the life of the pencil."

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### THOMAS S. NEILSON

One of the important industrial enterprises in Alameda county is that of the Berkeley Steel Construction Company, owned by Thomas S. and Duncan S. Neilson, and which has enjoyed a degree of growth and prosperity which reflects creditably on its business management and its mechanical efficiency. Thomas S. Neilson was born in Greenock, Scotland, on the 24th of May, 1884, and is a son of Andrew and Jessie (Sinclair) Neilson, the former an engineer.

Mr. Neilson was educated in his native country, attending the Hill End school and Greenock Academy. He served a six years' apprenticeship with the Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, at Glasgow, Scotland, one of the largest shipbuilding concerns on the Clyde, and from that time to the present has been identified with some phase of the steel industry. In 1904 he emigrated to the United States, landing at New York July 11th, and his first job in this country was with the Erie Basin Dry Dock Company, in Brooklyn. Later he went to Quincy, near Boston, Massachusetts, where he was employed in the Four Rivers Shipyards as an estimator and drafter. He remained there until 1906, when he went to San Francisco, arriving there just before the great earthquake and fire, and for about six months worked for the Union Iron Works. Going to Seattle, Washington, he worked for a time for the Seattle Dry Dock Company, after which he was in Vancouver, British Columbia, for a few years. In 1912 he went to Trail, British Columbia, where he had charge of the steel construction in the building of the great smelter plant for the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company for two years. In 1914 Mr. Neilson returned to Seattle, was put in charge of the building of merchant ships, and during the World war supervised the building of warships and other naval craft, including submarines and cruisers, for the government. In 1920 he came to Berkeley and formed a partnership with his brother, Duncan S., under the name of the Berkeley Steel Construction Company. They bought the present site of their plant, comprising three and a quarter acres, and now have fifty thousand square feet under cover, being engaged in the manufacture

of tanks, boilers, steel pipe, smokestacks and structural work, and they also do riveting and electric and oxy-acetylene welding. Their plant is valued at about two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, and they employ seventy-five men. Thomas S. Neilson is president of the company, as well as general manager, and Duncan S. is vice president and works manager. The company has prospered, as may be inferred from the statement that during the five years that the plant has been in actual operation it has more than doubled its output four times. This company pioneered in the electric welding of tanks, when other companies were riveting them, and during the last four years has turned out more than five thousand tanks, seventy-five per cent of which have been welded. At the present time all of the high pressure tanks passing through its shop are electrically welded, and the process has been approved by the Industrial Accident Commission on the strength of the good record made by every tank so handled. The new shop of this company, fifty by two hundred and fifty feet in dimensions, is the first electrically welded building west of Pittsburgh to carry electric cranes, there being two of these of ten tons capacity. A notable piece of work performed by this company was the reconstruction of the Plaster City plant of the Pacific Portland Cement Company, located in the Imperial valley, seventeen miles from El Centro and eight miles from the Mexican border. Only nineteen days were required for the completion of the reconstruction work, and in that time a complete unit of the Suisun plant was dismantled, transported to Plaster City, set up and riveted throughout. Each of the storage bins is twenty feet in diameter and forty-two feet high, and in them and the structure over the kilns are two hundred tons of steel.

On December 8, 1909, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Thomas S. Neilson was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Cathie, who is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and to them have been born three children, Elsie, Fern and Jessie. Mr. Neilson is a member of the Masonic order, the Berkeley Lions Club, the Berkeley Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Manufacturers Association, and of the last two is a director. He is a man of earnest purpose, straightforward manner, sound business judgment and honorable methods, and throughout the community commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### JOSEPH L. BOBBA

Joseph L. Bobba, head of the Italian-American Realty Company, stands high in the list of Oakland's enterprising and successful business men, for his progressive and up-to-date methods have stamped him as a man of more than ordinary ability and efficiency. Mr. Bobba was born in North Haven, Connecticut, July 27, 1897, and is a son of Dominico and Margarita (Massucco) Bobba. In 1907 the father came to California in search of a permanent location and eventually engaged in the hotel business, in which he was successful. He is still living in this state, at the age of sixty-four years, but the mother is deceased.

Joseph L. Bobba secured a public school education, partly in Sacramento, where the family was then living, but completed his studies in Oakland, where he graduated from high school in 1916. He then went to work in the advertising department

of the Oakland Tribune, with which he remained six months, and later for a similar period he was with the Pullman Company. He then entered the Faguzi Bank, with which he was connected for fifteen months, leaving that position to enlist in the United States Navy for service in the World war. He was transferred to the Aviation Corps, but an attack of influenza confined him to a hospital for a number of months, so that when he was able to go into training he put in just one day's service before he was honorably discharged. As a souvenir of his military experience he now possesses the government's warrant for one dollar, in payment for his one day of service. On his return to Oakland, Mr. Bobba joined the Italian-American Realty Company, which was established by Louis J. Tesio about thirty years ago, and when Mr. Tesio became assistant manager of the Bank of Italy Mr. Bobba took over the business, which he has since conducted. The company deals in real estate and insurance and does notary work, and commands a large and steadily growing patronage throughout the city, seven employees being required to handle the office work. Mr. Bobba has given close and careful attention to the various branches of his business and well deserves the prosperity which is rewarding his efforts.

Mr. Bobba was united in marriage to Miss Erma Mautino, who was born and reared in Oakland and whose father, Peter Mautino, has been engaged in business in this city for many years. They now have two daughters, Phyllis and Marguerite. Mr. Bobba takes a keen interest in local public affairs and votes for the best men for public office regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the United Ancient Order of Druids, the Foresters of America, the Athens Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a great lover of music and is a fine accordion player, with which instrument he frequently entertains the members of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as other public assemblies. He has shown a commendable interest in the progress and welfare of Oakland and is regarded as well worthy of the confidence and respect which are accorded him by all who know him.

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#### EDGAR I. JESSEN

Edgar I. Jessen, proprietor of the California Phonograph Company, at 1432 San Pablo avenue, Oakland, which handles music, musical instruments, phonographs and radios, is generally recognized as one of the leading radio authorities in the East Bay district and has been very active in popularizing these truly remarkable machines. A native son of California, Mr. Jessen was born in San Francisco on the 8th of November, 1889. His parents, Niels and Alma (Andersen) Jessen, were born in Norway. The father came to California in 1875 and the mother in girlhood, their marriage occurring in San Francisco, where Mr. Jessen engaged in business as a wholesale merchant for many years. His death occurred in 1925, and his widow is still living in San Francisco.

Edgar I. Jessen attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from high school, and then learned the plumbing trade, at which he was employed for three years, after which he went east. However, realizing the need of a better

preparation for a business career, he took a commercial course in a business college, after which he entered the employ of the Wiley B. Allen Company, dealers in music, remaining with that concern for eight years, during a part of which time he was in its branch stores. Later he was with the California Phonograph Company, in San Francisco, for six years, but in 1922 determined to embark on an independent business career, and came to Oakland, where he opened a music store. This proved a successful venture and two years later he took over the Oakland branch of the California Phonograph Company, which he is still conducting under the same name. He carries a complete line of sheet music, a large stock of musical instruments, phonographs and radios. He was a pioneer in the development of the radio, the wonderful possibilities of which he early foresaw, and took an active part in the organization of the Alameda County Radio Trades Association, comprising the retailers and jobbers of the county, and was recently elected president of the organization.

Mr. Jessen was united in marriage to Miss Bessie L. Burkholder, who was born in San Jose, California, and they are the parents of two children, Eleanor and Dorothy. Mr. Jessen votes with the republican party and he is a member of Apollo Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Alameda Lodge, B. P. O. E. He is an energetic and progressive business man, has realized a very gratifying measure of prosperity, and in the commercial circles of his city is held in high regard. He has given his support to every measure for the progress and betterment of the community and is regarded as one of Oakland's substantial citizens.

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### FRED W. HEERE

One of the most efficient police officers of the East Bay district is Fred W. Heere, chief of the police department of Piedmont, whose record has gained for him a well merited reputation as a capable and reliable official. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1888, and secured his elementary education in the public schools of that city, after which he matriculated in the Barnes Medical College, in which he pursued the regular course. Instead of engaging in the practice of medicine, however, he came to California, arriving in Los Angeles in 1905, and there was employed for a short time in a meat packing plant owned by an uncle. In 1906 he came to Oakland, and soon afterward accepted the position of assistant engineer in the engineering department of the city of Alameda. In 1916 Mr. Heere became a patrolman in the Oakland police department and in the following year joined the Piedmont police department. In 1918 he took a course in finger print identification and criminology under Chief August Volmer, of the Berkeley police department, and soon afterward was appointed a detective sergeant in the Piedmont department. On January 1, 1927, he was made chief of the department, with fifteen men under him, and has proven well qualified in every respect for the position.

Mr. Heere was united in marriage to Miss (Mrs. Catherine Plunkett, nee) Neal, who is a native of this state. He is a member of Plymouth Lodge, No. 560, F. & A. M., at Oakland, the California Peace Officers Association, the California Safety

Conference, the International Identification Association and is a director of the California Identification Association. A man of alert mentality, faithful and fearless in the discharge of duty, and a close and constant student of his calling, he is recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability and commands the unqualified confidence and respect of the people of his community.

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### FRANK MITCHELL, JR.

Frank Mitchell, Jr., of Oakland, is one of the best known members of the Alameda county bar, his record having gained for him wide recognition as an able, learned and successful lawyer, so that he commands a large practice in the courts of this county. Mr. Mitchell was born in Portland, Maine, November 24, 1886, and is a son of Frank and Rosa (Amaral) Mitchell, both of whom are of Portuguese descent. When Mr. Mitchell was about eighteen months old, the family came to California, locating in Hayward, Alameda county, where his father engaged in the retail shoe business from 1889 to March, 1927, since which time he has been retired from active business. One of Mr. Mitchell's uncles came to California in 1856 and afterwards served in the Union Army during the Civil war.

After attending the grammar schools of Hayward, graduating from high school in 1906, Frank Mitchell, Jr., entered the law school of the University of California, and later completed his law course in the Hastings College of Law, in San Francisco, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in June, 1910. In the 1907 session of the state legislature he served as a clerk in that body. During his school and college years he had assisted his father in the latter's store and was with him for six months after completing his law course. In September, 1910, he entered the law offices of Gibson & Woolner, remaining with that firm until 1915. In the previous year he was elected justice of the peace for Eden township and at that time also engaged in the private practice of his profession. In 1912 he was appointed city attorney of Hayward, holding that office until 1916, when he resigned and in the following year joined J. A. Kennedy and J. J. McDonald, with whom he remained until 1922. On January 1st of that year he was appointed chief deputy in the office of the prosecuting attorney but later resigned that position in order to take up private practice in which he has since been busily engaged. He has a large clientele and, being of Portuguese descent, is accorded a substantial practice among the people of that nationality here. A man of keen mentality, thorough legal training, the highest sense of honor and keen appreciation of the service which he should render to his fellowmen, he has brought to the discharge of every duty a determination to give very best efforts, and his loyalty and capability have gained for him a high place in public esteem.

Mr. Mitchell has long been active in fraternal affairs, in which he has been honored with distinctive preferment. He is a member of the Foresters of America, of which he was grand chief ranger for California during the years 1920-21 and has three times been a representative to the nation convention of that order. Of the U. P. E. C. he was supreme president in 1923-24, and for the Knights of Columbus he represented the state of California at the supreme council at Daven-

port, Iowa. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World, the Young Men's Institute and the I. D. E. S. He is an active supporter of the republican party. His professional connection is with the Alameda County Bar Association, of which he was vice president for ten years, and the California State Bar Association. He has a wide acquaintance in this section of the state and his splendid record and high personal qualities have gained for him a large circle of loyal friends and warm admirers.

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### HARRY W. PULCIFER

Among the able and widely known members of the Alameda county bar stands Judge Harry W. Pulcifer, of Oakland, in which city he has practiced his profession for over thirty years, while during the past twelve years he has rendered signal service as a justice of the peace, in which capacity he has earned an enviable reputation.

Judge Pulcifer was born in Maine in 1869 and is a son of Alexander and Velona Brown Pulcifer. His father, who also was a native of that state, came to California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1852 and was engaged in mining for a while. In this he was fairly successful and in a few years returned to his home in Maine. On the outbreak of the Civil war he volunteered his services in defense of his country, enlisting in the Sixteenth Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, with which he served three years in the southland, taking part in a number of important battles, and he was wounded twice. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Maine, where he remained until 1876, in which year he again came to California, bringing his family with him and locating in Oakland, where his death occurred in 1919.

Harry W. Pulcifer was about seven years of age when the family came to California and he received his educational training in the public schools of Oakland, graduating from high school, after which he entered the law office of Henry Vrooman, then one of the successful lawyers and prominent politicians of this city. After Mr. Vrooman's death, Judge Pulcifer obtained employment in the accounting department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he remained until 1894. During this period he devoted his spare time to the reading of law and on leaving the railroad he entered the law office of Davis & Hill, who were at that time attorneys for the city of Oakland in its fight to control the water front. Judge Pulcifer was admitted to the bar in 1897, after which he remained with that law firm for about six months, and then engaged in practice alone, gaining quick recognition and building up a large clientele, so that he was numbered among the successful lawyers of Oakland. In 1916 Judge Pulcifer was elected justice of the peace of Oakland township, in which position he has served continuously to the present time, having been reelected since 1918 without opposition. His is the busiest court in Alameda county. The civil business of the court is more than the aggregate of all other courts in the county, and has returned to the county treasury many thousands of dollars above the expenses of the court. Judge Pulcifer has always been actuated by a determination to dispense justice and give



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a square deal to everyone appearing before him without regard to their station in life, with the result that he commands to a marked degree the confidence of everyone who knows him.

Judge Pulcifer has always given his political support to the republican party and has taken an active interest in city and county political affairs. He is a member of Oakland Lodge No. 188, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Lodge No. 103, K. P.; Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E.; the Athenian Nile Club; Oakland Yacht Club; Athens Athletic Club; Oakland Pyramid No. 2, A. E. Order of Sciots; Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine; Oakland Aerie No. 7, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Kiwanis Club; member of the executive committee of the East Bay Safety Council; Scottish Rite bodies thirty-second degree; Loyal Order of Moose; Oakland Chamber of Commerce; Brotherhood of Bison and the Sons of Veterans. He is a man of sterling character, splendid personality and agreeable manner, and throughout the city where he has spent the major portion of his life he commands public confidence and respect.

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### HENRY C. BARTON

Henry C. Barton has for seventeen years been prominently identified with the banking interests of San Leandro and is now manager of the San Leandro branch of the Bank of Italy. His life history exemplifies in a striking manner what may be accomplished by a man who, deprived at an early age of the care and advice of his parents, persistently strives along right lines to better his condition and eventually reaches a place of honor and influence among his fellowmen.

Mr. Barton was born at Willows, Glenn county, California, May 10, 1882, and is a son of Henry C. and Delia (Meeham) Barton, the latter a native of Ireland, brought to this country in young girlhood. The father was born in Ohio and came to California in an early day, here following the carpenter trade. To them were born three children, namely: Henry C., Frank Webster, who is engaged in farming near Anderson, Shasta county, California; and Ruth, who is the wife of G. C. Starkey, of Roseville, California. The mother died when Henry was but five years old, and one year later the father followed her in death.

Henry C. Barton was taken into the home of an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lutts, of Willows, and was reared on a ranch in Glenn county. He secured his early education in the public schools of Germantown, now Artois, California, after which he had two and a half years in the high school at Willows. After taking a commercial course in Heald's Business College, in San Francisco, he went to work as rent clerk for Burnham & Marsh, the largest real estate firm in San Francisco prior to the great fire. He next went to Oakdale, Stanislaus county, where he became bookkeeper for Haslacher & Kahn, private bankers, grain and warehouse men, who at that time owned eighteen warehouses. There he gained valuable experience and remained with that firm until 1906, when he came to San Leandro and went to work as bookkeeper and cashier for the Best Manufacturing Company, with which he remained until 1910, when he engaged in the grocery business on his own account. A year later he sold out and became cashier and office manager for

C. L. Best, who had organized the C. L. Best Gas Tractor Company, with a factory at Elmhurst, in which was constructed the first gas track-layer tractor. In 1911 Mr. Barton resigned that position and became one of the organizers of the State Bank of San Leandro, of which he was made assistant cashier. This bank was then located in the Daniel Best building, Mr. Best being the founder of the old Best Manufacturing Company. Eventually Mr. Barton was advanced to the position of cashier and proved an important factor in the success of the institution, retaining that position until the bank was sold to the Bank of Italy, in the fall of 1927, at which time he was made manager of this branch, which position he still fills. He is also a director of the San Leandro Investment Company.

In 1918 Mr. Barton was united in marriage to Miss Mayme O'Leary, of Modesto, California, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Leary, both of whom are deceased. Mr. O'Leary was a dealer in coal and wood and was highly respected in his community. Mr. and Mrs. Barton have two children, Frank Daniel and Margaret Jane. In his political views Mr. Barton is a staunch republican and served as city treasurer from 1922 to 1927. He is a member of the Masonic blue lodge in San Leandro, and the Scottish Rite bodies in Oakland. He also belongs to the Native Sons of the Golden West and the U. P. E. C., at San Leandro. He is a director of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce. A man of unquestioned integrity and great force of character, he commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen, and is deservedly popular among his associates and acquaintances. He has stood consistently for all that is best in the life of the community, giving his earnest support to all enterprises having for their object the advancement of the general welfare and the progress and development of his city and county.

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### ROBERT S. RILEY

Robert S. Riley, one of the highly respected citizens of Berkeley, is successfully engaged in the practice of law at 1078 University avenue. His family has long been closely and actively identified with the public affairs of California, his father, grandfather and an uncle having attained eminence and distinction in the legal profession. Robert S. Riley was born at Dutch Flat, Placer county, this state, on the 3rd of September, 1889, and is a son of George E. and Nellie (Johnson) Riley, the former born in South Carolina and the latter in St. Louis, Missouri. His paternal grandfather, Mitchael Riley, was an early pioneer of California, having lived for many years at Grass Valley, Nevada county, where he engaged in quartz mining. He also practiced law, proving an able and resourceful member of the bar, and served as district attorney of Nevada county. He and his wife were among the first settlers at Grass Valley, his wife being one of the first three white women to keep house in that locality, the other two being Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Brock. That was also the home of Bret Harte, with whom the Rileys were well acquainted. George E. Riley came to California by way of the isthmus of Panama, he and his mother riding into California on mules, his father having come to this state previously. Like his father, he also was a lawyer and served as district attorney of Nevada county. An uncle, Peter Riley, was a veteran of the Spanish-American

war, in which he held a commission as captain. In his later years George E. Riley moved to San Francisco, where he taught school, and there his death occurred in 1923, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife died in 1908. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Robert S. is the oldest, and three of the children are living.

Robert S. Riley attended the public schools of Grass Valley and Berkeley, and then entered Leland Stanford University. Having determined to devote his life to the legal profession, he enrolled as a student in the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, the law school of the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1918. He had worked his way through college, his attendance, however, being interrupted by his service in the United States Army during the World war, in which he was disabled while at Camp Lewis. He was honorably discharged in 1918 and resumed his law studies. On graduation and admission to the bar, Mr. Riley began practice in San Francisco in the office of his uncle, J. F. Riley, who for forty years has been numbered among the leading lawyers of that city, and there remained until 1922, when he came to Berkeley, where he has since engaged in the practice alone. He specializes in real estate law and has won a large and steadily growing clientele, having gained recognition as an able, resourceful and dependable lawyer, well worthy of confidence and trust.

On April 26, 1919, in Alameda, Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Edna Lewis, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis, the former a well known carpenter and builder. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have three children, Patricia, Carmel and Robert, Jr. Mr. Riley is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion, the Disabled War Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce, and the West Berkeley Commercial Association, of which he is secretary. He and his wife are earnest members of the Congregational church. Professionally Mr. Riley is careful, painstaking and thorough in his preparation of cases, is alert and determined in the trial of causes, and as an office counselor is sound and reliable, so that all who have come into contact with him hold him in high regard as a lawyer, while throughout the community he is recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen, always to be depended upon to support measures for the advancement of the public welfare.

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### CHARLES HOUSER

Among the wide-awake and progressive business men of Berkeley, none takes precedence over Charles Houser, who is conducting a prosperous confectionery, soda fountain and cigar store at 2001 San Pablo avenue. He is essentially a self-made man, his success being due to his initiative, his energetic methods and his sound judgment, while his splendid personal qualities have won for him many warm friends throughout the community. Mr. Houser was born in Port Clinton, Ottawa county, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1890, and is a son of Henry and Sena (Holm) Houser, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Denmark. His father, who was a plasterer and brick mason, died in San Jose, California, in

1914, at the age of fifty-nine years, and subsequently his widow became the wife of Hans Danker and now lives at 1118 Cowper street, Berkeley. To Henry and Sena Houser were born eight children, of whom five are living, namely: Charles; Emma, the wife of Chris Simonson, of Gilroy, Santa Clara county, this state; Edward, who is a brakeman on the Southern Pacific Railroad and lives in Berkeley; Fred, who works for the Fleishman Yeast Company in Albany, California; and Peter, who is owner of the Berkeley Express and Storage Company.

Charles Houser began his educational training in the public schools of his native town, continuing in the schools of Racine, Wisconsin, to which city the family had moved when he was nine years old. He then took a commercial course in the Wisconsin Business College, at Racine, meeting his expenses through his employment by Peter Nelson, who owned a large confectionery store, candy factory and hotel and with whom Mr. Houser gained his practical knowledge of the confectionery business. On completing his education, he entered the employ of the Corliss Company, at Corliss (formerly Western Union Junction), Wisconsin, there remaining until 1909, when he came to California. He found employment in San Francisco, in connection with the confectionery, restaurant and hotel business. He joined the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Association in Oakland, and in July, 1915, was duly elected its secretary and gave his whole time and attention to his duties until 1917, when he returned east, visiting the principal cities of the east and middle west, returning to California in time to enlist in the World war, in the spring of 1918, as a member of Company F, Thirty-first Infantry Regiment. He was in training at Camp Fremont and in September, 1918, was ordered overseas, his regiment being assigned to the Siberian expeditionary forces. He crossed the Pacific to Japan, and thence to Siberia, where he was first stationed at Vladivostok, later being at Spaskoe and Rasdonia. They were very uncomfortably situated, the cold being intense and accommodations scanty, and they were engaged in a desperate guerilla warfare, in which his regiment lost seven and one-half per cent of its men, a heavier loss than was sustained by the army in France. He was returned home in October, 1919, and was honorably discharged at San Francisco, with the rank of corporal, October 15th.

On returning to civil life, Mr. Houser made an extended trip of investigation, looking for a satisfactory location, and in August, 1921, engaged in the confectionery business at 2215 Rose street, Berkeley, near the university. He was fairly successful there, but his real success came when he moved to his present location, at the corner of University and San Pablo avenues, where he has built up a splendid business. He manufactures much of his own candy, in the making of which he uses only the very best ingredients, while the prompt and efficient service which he gives to his patrons has won their favor and good will.

Mr. Houser has taken a keen interest in Berkeley and has given freely of his time and labor to the advancement of its commercial and civic interests. He is a member of the city planning commission; is a member of the Affiliated Commercial Club, of which he was president for two years; the West Berkeley Commercial Association, of which he was president for three years; the University Avenue Development Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Commons Club, and the Berkeley Kiwanis Club, of which he is a director. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the American Legion, and gives his political support

to the republican party, serving as a member of the county central committee. Cordial and affable in manner and standing for the things really worth while in the life of the community, he commands the confidence and esteem of all who know him and is regarded as one of the representative men of his city.

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### CHARLES HADLEN

In the death of the late Charles Hadlen the city of Berkeley lost one of its influential men of affairs and a representative citizen, who through a long period of years was active in efforts leading to the development and progress of his community, standing consistently for all that was best in the life of the city and county. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity and accomplishment, its evening of completed and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this good and honored man. His career was a long, busy and useful one, fraught with much good to himself, his family and to humanity, and his memory will long be revered by those who came in contact with him on life's highway.

Mr. Hadlen was born in Hanover, Germany, September 22, 1846, and was reared on his father's farm, securing his education in the public schools. In 1866 he came to the United States, settling in San Francisco, California, for a time. He then went to Montana and engaged in mining for a few years, after which he returned to San Francisco and opened a grocery store. Later he went to Alviso, Santa Clara county, where he was employed in a starch factory until 1879, when he came to Berkeley, where his friend, John Everding, owned a starch factory, and, being a starchmaker, was given employment here. About ten years later he quit that line of work and for about nine years was employed as a clerk in George Burns' grocery store in Berkeley. In 1898 he bought property at the corner of Ninth street and University avenue and engaged in the grocery business with marked success for many years. His death occurred at his home, at 947 University avenue, Berkeley, on July 15, 1927, in the eighty-first year of his age.

On March 18, 1875, in San Francisco, Mr. Hadlen was united in marriage to Miss Dora M. Funk, who also was born in Hanover, Germany, where she was reared and educated. In 1873, at the age of seventeen, she came to the United States, landing at San Francisco on September 18th. She is a daughter of Peter and Anna (Miller) Funk, the father dying when she was but two years old and the mother when she was five years of age. She received religious confirmation when fourteen years old and from that time she earned her own livelihood as a housemaid. She was encouraged to come to America by an older sister who was living in San Francisco, and in that city she met Mr. Hadlen. To their marriage were born seven children, namely: Anne who is the wife of D. M. Newell, who now runs the Hadlen grocery store; Charles, who married Miss Emma Brombacker, died at the age of forty-four years and left three children, Elmer, Stanley and George, who are in school; Julia is the wife of A. A. Gibb, a retired business man in Oakland, and they have one child, Clyde; Herman, who died November 26, 1927, at the age of forty-five years, was married twice and by his first union had three children,

Lillian, Dorris and Mazie; Fred, who died on October 15, 1919, at the age of thirty-five years, had married Miss Dena Hoffman and left three children, Roy, Dorothy and Mildred; Mabel is the wife of George S. Hopkins, who is connected with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in Berkeley, and they have four children, Harriet, Edith, Robert and Lucile; and Edward C., who is deputy county clerk of Alameda county and resides in Berkeley, was married to Miss Rose McGlinchey and has a daughter, Florence. There are twenty-two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In 1925 Mr. and Mrs. Hadlen celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and it was a most enjoyable occasion, at which they were the recipients of the congratulations and well wishes of their large circle of friends.

In his political views, Mr. Hadlen was a staunch republican and ever maintained a deep interest in public matters, particularly such as related to the prosperity and welfare of his community, in the affairs of which he was long an influential factor. He assisted in framing the first city charter and was a member of the first board of trustees, in which position he served the city faithfully and judiciously. He also rendered valuable service as a member of the first board of the Berkeley City Planning Committee, on which committee he served for six years. He was proud of his city and zealous in its interests, no measure for its advancement or betterment ever lacking for his earnest and active support. He was kindly and generous by nature and the Golden Rule was the standard to which he conformed his actions, so that he was a friend to all men, and all who knew him were his friends. A man of well defined opinions and high ideals, he stood uncompromisingly for what he believed to be right, from which fact he received the nickname "Old Ironsides," as he was sometimes affectionately called. The record of testimony is ample that he was a good citizen in the fullest sense of the term, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and to the city he loved so well the record and example of an honorable and well spent life.

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### C. P. MURDOCK

C. P. Murdock, of Oakland, as vice president and general manager of the Realty Syndicate Company, and officially identified with a number of other important business enterprises of the East Bay district, has been extremely active and influential in advancing the interests of this section of Alameda county. Mr. Murdock was born in San Francisco, California, on the 29th day of August, 1881, and is a son of George H. and Susan L. Murdock. During his boyhood the family moved to Alameda, where he attended the public schools until 1895, when he entered the Lick School, to take the preparatory course of the California School of Mechanical Arts. On completing that course, he engaged in the insurance business, to which he devoted his energies until 1907, when he turned his attention to the construction business as assistant superintendent of the Great Western Power Company's initial development of the Feather river. In this work he demonstrated marked ability and two years later became assistant secretary to F. M. Smith. Mr. Murdock's industry, close application and efficiency won him deserved recognition

in his appointment in 1913 as vice president and general manager of the Realty Syndicate Company, which position he has held to the present time. He is also president and a director of C. P. Murdock, Inc., the Idora Park Company, the Nevada Milling Company, the Terminal Junction Land Company, the Syndicate Building Company and the Oakland Building and Manager Association; vice president, general manager and a director of the Realty Syndicate, the Leona Chemical Company and the Twelfth Street Realty Company; vice president and a director of the West End Consolidated Mining Company and a director of the East Bay Title Insurance Company. He has given his close attention to the subdivision work of the Realty Syndicate Company, which has handled over fifteen million dollars in subdivisions in the last fifteen years, while his private interests also demand a due proportion of his time. In all of his affairs he has displayed clear-headed judgment, keen vision as to the future development of Alameda county, and the courage and progressive spirit which have enabled him to successfully carry through the important enterprises of which he has been the executive head. Doing well whatever he undertakes, and guided by the highest business ideals, he has gained not only a splendid measure of prosperity, but has also won that which is of greater value, the confidence and respect of his fellowmen, and is regarded as one of Oakland's most useful citizens.

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#### RICHARD S. FRENCH, PH. D.

Dr. Richard S. French, since 1922 principal of the California School for the Blind, at Berkeley, has gained a wide reputation because of the high type of service which he is rendering in this very exacting field of education. Under his able supervision, the school has attained a place in the front rank of institutions for the sense-defectives of this country and is a source of justifiable pride to the people of this state. This School for the Blind is not a home or custodial institution, but is purely educational in its aims and work.

The first efforts along this line in California were confined to a school which was started in San Francisco in the late '50s, and which was a private institution, being established for the instruction of both the deaf and the blind. In 1860 the state legislature made an appropriation for its maintenance, taking it over under the name of the California Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind. One hundred and thirty-two acres of land were purchased at Berkeley and to this location the dual institution was removed in 1861, and has since remained there. The first head of the school was Warring Wilkinson and the institution had a steady growth. Two large buildings were erected on the new site but some years later these were destroyed by fire, whereupon the legislature made the necessary appropriations for new buildings. The first two of these were erected in 1878 and several other buildings have since been added. The dual school buildings were completed in 1915 with the erection of the gymnasium, making this one of the most completely equipped schools for the deaf and blind in the United States.

By an act of the legislature in 1921 a division of the school was ordered and from that time the California School for the Deaf and the California School for



the Blind have been separate institutions. The latter was formally organized in 1922 and Dr. Richard S. French became its first principal, in which capacity he has served to the present time. In 1923 the legislature made an appropriation for the building of a girls' dormitory, which was completed in 1924, at a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars. This building is up-to-date in all of its appointments and houses fifty girls. In 1925 an appropriation was made for a school building, which is now only two-thirds completed, as it is planned to add another wing to it, at which time it will have twenty-six class and practice rooms. The building was dedicated in 1927 and is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is used. Its total cost, with equipment including an Estey pipe organ costing ten thousand dollars, was ninety thousand dollars. The last legislature also made an appropriation for a boys' dormitory, which in design and arrangement will be in keeping with the other two buildings. A kindergarten building and shop facilities will be added later.

The course of study includes every grade from kindergarten through the high school in the academic department, the design being to fit the students for college or university work if they desire it. There are also vocational departments, including housekeeping, sewing and cooking, and typewriting for the girls, and chair-caning, broom making, piano tuning and typewriting for the boys, while the Braille system of reading is a fundamental subject for all students. Particular attention is given to instruction in music, in which there are thorough courses in both instrument and voice, and in orchestra and chorus the students have an opportunity for practical experience, as well as pleasure.

At the present time there are fifty girls and fifty-six boys in the school, and there are ten full-time instructors and eight part-time teachers. The pupils range in age from seven to twenty-two years. A large proportion of them eventually become self-supporting and several graduates of this school have attained notable success in law and as entertainers, as dictaphone operators and as salesmen, particularly of musical instruments and in life insurance and investments. Dr. Newel Perry, totally blind, who is a graduate of this institution, is now a member of its faculty, being director of advanced studies. He took his doctor's degree at the University of Munich and is widely known for his attainments. Another of the well-known graduates of this school is Miss Christine Labarraque, well known as a concert singer, who is a successful and popular teacher of voice in San Francisco. Twenty-six former students in the California School for the Blind are now students in universities or colleges, a record which is enjoyed by no other institution of the kind in the country. From one of the local papers we copy the following:

"For the purpose of providing scholarships to enable graduates of the California School for the Blind to carry on their education in the lines for which they are the best fitted, a campaign is being launched to create a scholarship endowment fund of approximately thirty thousand dollars. William Edwin Chamberlain is chairman of the endowment committee and Professor Leon Richardson is acting trustee of the funds. Associated with them are a large number of outstanding citizens of the bay cities. The School for the Blind now has a small endowment fund, which is insufficient to assist the deserving students who wish to continue their educational work."

Richard S. French, principal of the school for six years, was born in San Bernardino, California, on the 23d day of September, 1883, and is a son of Wil-



liam and Lydia (St. John) French, the former a farmer. He completed the public and high school courses and entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1906, and in 1919 he received from his alma mater the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From 1919 to 1922 he served as assistant professor of education in the University of California, and then was called to his present position as principal of the California School for the Blind. Since 1922 he has also been a lecturer on Education in the University of California.

In 1909, at San Jose, California, Dr. French was married to Miss Alice Grace Stone, of that city. Dr. French has shown a deep interest in the welfare of his city and is rendering effective service as a member of the city council, to which body he was elected in 1927. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Phi Delta Kappa, the national educational fraternity. He is thoroughly devoted to the interest of the institution of which he is the head and in the conduct of which he has achieved noteworthy success, and he holds a high place among the educators of this section of the country.

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### BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City of Berkeley is proud of its progressive library, which is rendering a distinctive service to the community. It had its beginning in 1893, in the Holmes Library, supported by subscription. The town trustees, in 1895, voted to make it a public library. The Berkeley Public Library accordingly was established in 1895, in rented quarters, with a collection of about two thousand eight hundred volumes.

The first trustees were, T. K. Shattuck, A. W. Naylor, Thomas Addison, Henry W. Taylor, and H. D. Irwin, all prominent in the early history of Berkeley. Mr. Irwin was a faithful and efficient member of the library board for twenty-six years. At the time of his death in 1926, he was president of the board.

In 1903 Andrew Carnegie made an offer of forty thousand dollars for a library building on condition that the city provide a site, and that an appropriation equal to ten per cent of the gift be made for maintenance. Mrs. Rosa Shattuck at once offered a lot on Shattuck avenue and Kittredge street, and the town trustees voted the appropriation. Mr. John Galen Howard was appointed architect. Berkeley's first library building was opened to the public on February 22, 1905, with a collection of eighteen thousand two hundred and twelve volumes.

David R. Moore was the first librarian, serving until his death in May, 1914. Under his administration the library grew to a collection of fifty-one thousand well used volumes. Mr. Moore was succeeded by Carleton B. Joeckel, under whose direction the library made great advancement. The circulation was more than tripled during his administration, and three handsome branch libraries were erected. Mr. Joeckel was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and received the degree of Bachelor of Library Science from the New York State Library School. He came to Berkeley to accept the position of assistant reference librarian of the University of California Library, and became librarian of the Berkeley Public Library in 1914, holding this position until his resignation in 1928, to become associate professor of library science in the library school of the university of

Michigan. In 1919-1920, he was president of the California Library Association, and later was a member of the executive committee of the C. L. A. He was a veteran of the World war, rising to the rank of captain, and was wounded in the Argonne. He was active in matters affecting the welfare of Berkeley, and his resignation as librarian was greatly regretted. Miss Olive Burroughs was appointed acting librarian at the time of Mr. Joeckel's going on leave of absence in June, 1927.

The Claremont Branch Library was opened in a school building in 1909, the North Berkeley and the Ashby Branches in 1911 and 1913, respectively, both in rented quarters.

The new West Berkeley Branch building was opened for use in 1923, the Claremont Branch building in 1924, and the South Berkeley Branch building in 1927. The South Berkeley Branch combines in one modern plant the former Ashby and South Berkeley Branches. In addition to four full time branches, the library operates one part-time branch in the Hawthorne School.

By a popular vote in 1925, the citizens of Berkeley authorized an increase of four cents on the hundred dollars, over the existing tax rate for a library building fund, for a period of four years. The imperative need for an adequate Main Library building had been evident for many years. The city council levied the additional tax and funds are accruing for the new library building. The library personnel includes the librarian and twenty-five full time assistants.

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### AMOS MECARTNEY

Among the honored pioneers of northern California who worthily served their day and generation, contributing to the development and progress of their respective communities, and have passed on to higher scenes of activity was Amos Mecartney, who, braving the hardships and perils of the early days here, established a home and heritage and gained well earned recognition as one of the helpful and useful citizens of Alameda county.

Mr. Mecartney was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of March, 1838, and was of remote German ancestry. His father, John Mecartney, who also was a native of Lancaster county, figured prominently in the public and business affairs of that locality, and at one time served as county auditor. Later he became the organizer of the Lancaster County Fire Insurance Company. Amos Mecartney was reared in his native county and secured his education in its public schools. Hearing of the discovery of gold in California, he sailed from Philadelphia on the brig "Osceola," which rounded Cape Horn and arrived at San Francisco, August 5, 1849. He engaged in gold mining on the Yuba and Feather rivers, but, meeting with indifferent success, returned to the east. However, he could not resist the lure of the western country and in 1852 again came to California. Locating in San Francisco, he engaged in the general commission and real estate business, in which he met with substantial success, gaining a comfortable fortune and acquiring valuable properties in Kansas City and Chicago. In 1872 Mr. Mecartney bought from the United States tideland commission two hundred and ninety-eight acres





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of land on Bay Farm island, on which he located and established his permanent home. Here he erected a pleasant and attractive residence, which he surrounded with trees and shrubbery and created an ideal homestead, which is still occupied by the family. He greatly enjoyed this place and lived here until his death, which occurred January 23, 1903.

In 1868 Mr. Mecartney was united in marriage to Miss Mary Killinger, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of David and Margaret (Drepperd) Killinger. To this union were born five children, namely: Pearl S.; Meda H.; Myrtle J., who is the wife of W. P. Willard; Mignon K., the wife of E. J. Hall; and Amoslita, the wife of Louis E. Aubert, of Paris, France. Since her husband's death Mrs. Mecartney has continued his business policies and is regarded as a woman of sound judgment in practical matters. She is of kindly and hospitable disposition, her gracious qualities of character endearing her to all who know her.

Mr. Mecartney enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the state; was regarded as a man of marked business capacity and of the highest integrity, true to his ideals and consistent in all of life's relations, so that to a marked degree he commanded the confidence and esteem of all who were associated with him.

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### GEORGE W. HICKMAN

Standing in the front rank of the able and successful lawyers of Alameda county, and rendering signal service as judge of the city court of Albany, George W. Hickman is regarded as one of the leading and influential citizens of his community. Born in Benjamin, Utah, on the 21st of January, 1895, Mr. Hickman is a son of J. E. and Ella (Rogers) Hickman, who were pioneers of Utah, in which state the father, who was a graduate of Michigan and Columbia universities, was long a teacher in the public schools.

George W. Hickman acquired his elementary education in the public schools, graduating from high school, and then enlisted in the United States Army for service in the World war. He saw twenty-two months service with the Forty-first Division in France, and was associated with Captain Waldo on the staff of the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces. He returned to the United States on the same boat with President Wilson and, after a week's visit at home, came to the coast and entered the University of California. There he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1922 and that of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1924. He worked in the law office of Garret McEnerney in San Francisco, and in 1925 opened a law office in Oakland. In 1926 he was appointed judge of the city court of Albany and, the new city charter making the judgeship elective, he was, in the spring of 1927, elected of a three-year term.

Judge Hickman was united in marriage to Miss Luella Anderson, of Logan, Utah, who also is an alumnus of the University of California, and they are the parents of two children, George W., Jr., and Richard. The Judge is active in politics and takes a keen interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and is commander of the Albany post of the American Legion,

of which he was one of the organizers. He is an honorary member of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen. Well grounded in the law, possessing the solid and substantial qualities which mark the successful jurist, his conduct of the city court has gained for him the confidence and respect of both bar and laymen, and he is honoring the position which he holds. Personally he is cordial and friendly in manner and throughout the city he commands a large and loyal following.

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### MRS. CARRIE L. HOYT

No history of Berkeley would be complete without extended reference to Mrs. Carrie L. Hoyt because of her close association with all that makes for material, intellectual, civic and moral progress. She is identified with many organizations which make for human development and uplift and her methods are at all times intensely practical, and she labors to secure the adoption of high ideals. She was born at Petersburg, Menard county, Illinois, October 24, 1866, a daughter of Judge Samuel Stone and Isabelle (Terhune) Knoles. Through the paternal line she is directly descended from Thomas Stone, of Maryland, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and she is a cousin of Tully Knoles, president of the College of the Pacific at Stockton, one of California's leading educational institutions. Judge Knoles was born in Indiana and for a number of years engaged in the practice of law at Petersburg, Illinois, where in addition to his professional work he published the Petersburg Herald. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the conflict, taking part in the siege of Vicksburg and in various important engagements. He was wounded in battle, was captured and confined in Andersonville prison. In 1887 he came to California and in January, 1888, established his home in San Diego, having been appointed United States commissioner for the southern district of California. He died in that city in 1908, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, Mrs. Isabelle (Terhune) Knoles, who was a native of Kentucky, passed away in 1872, leaving three children: Mrs. Hoyt; Fred T., now of San Francisco; and Mrs. Effa Fouche, of Sacramento. Later Judge Knoles married again and by his second union had two sons and a daughter; Asa Barrett Knoles, William Day Knoles and Mila Knoles Schulenberg.

Carrie Knoles was but five and one-half years of age at the time of her mother's death, and she and the other two children of the family went to live with the mother's sister, Mrs. Ellen Hart, with whom they remained until their father's second marriage. The family lived at Chanute, Kansas, remaining in the Sunflower state until after the memorable grasshopper scourge of that period, when all returned to Illinois. The party included Judge Knoles and his second wife, Lois Barrett, together with his children, and after a short residence in Jacksonville, Illinois, he again took up his abode in Petersburg, where he practiced law.

It was thus that Mrs. Hoyt pursued her education in the schools of her native city, mastering the work of successive grades and entering high school, although she did not have the opportunity to complete the high school course. Her broader education was gained in a newspaper office and in the wide field of experience.



Her father was then publishing the Petersburg Herald, and visiting the office after school hours, she learned to set type. In fact she acquainted herself with every phase of newspaper activity from the "devil's" work to writing editorials and was of great assistance to her father, remaining in the newspaper office until the family started for California in 1887. They spent a brief time in Ontario, this state, where the daughter Carrie was employed for two months in the office of the Ontarion Record. In January, 1888, the family home was established in San Diego and the daughter again entered the newspaper field as an employe in the office of the San Diego Union. While holding that position she met her future husband, William Hoyt, their marriage being celebrated October 22, 1889. He was born at Penn Yan, New York, November 6, 1860, was educated in the Penn Yan Academy and later entered the newspaper field, since which time he has been connected with various publications in southern California and San Francisco. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt took up their abode upon a ranch in San Diego county, near Foster station, between Poway and Santa Maria. Their honeymoon trip was a never to be forgotten experience. They remained on the ranch, which was "away out in the wilderness," until August, 1890, when they removed to San Diego, where Mr. Hoyt again entered the newspaper business. On the 30th of December of that year their daughter, Isabelle Amanda Hoyt, was born, and when she was a year old Mr. Hoyt removed with his family to Los Angeles, where he was employed in the Times office. Their oldest son, William Knoles Hoyt, was born in Los Angeles, June 14, 1892. Because of failing health Mr. Hoyt was anxious to again take up his abode on the ranch in San Diego county, and the summer of 1893 once more found them installed in their home among the hills, about two miles from Foster station. There on the 11th of April, 1894, their son, Ralph Edwin, was born. Their little daughter, Isabelle, started to school when about seven years of age, going two miles to the schoolhouse across a country on which there was nothing but sagebrush and rattlesnakes, her father taking her in the morning and calling for her in the afternoon. When her brother William was old enough to enter school, the father would take them in the morning and they would walk home in the evening. On the 1st of January, 1898, another daughter, Effa Lois, was added to the family and in time the younger children entered school, but when the elder daughter was ready for high school Mrs. Hoyt took Isabelle, William and Effa into San Diego in order that she might have the opportunity to there continue her education, the father and his son Ralph remaining for a time on the ranch.

In 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt came to Berkeley for the purpose of according their children the education opportunities offered by the university. The daughter Isabelle was graduated therefrom in 1913 and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, an honor society. She engaged in teaching prior to her marriage to Orvil Frost, and with their three children—Bernice I., Hoyt O. and Urla C.—they reside in Potter Valley, Mendocino county, California. William K., who was graduated from the University of California in 1915, served during the World war in the medical department and after the war was with the United States shipping board as an accountant. He taught school before the war and is now a public accountant. Ralph E., who completed a course in the University of California in 1915, served in France during the World war with the rank of sergeant after the armistice was

signed took postgraduate work in the Inns Court Law School in London, England. He is now first assistant district attorney of Alameda county, and is master of Durant Lodge, No. 268, F. & A. M., at Berkeley. He married Mabel Button and they have two children, Ralph B. and Dorothy Carrie. Effa Lois, after graduating from high school, took up kindergarten work for a while and also was teacher of music for a time. During the World war she entered the Wells Fargo Nevada Bank in San Francisco, making a fine record there. In July, 1920, she became the wife of Taylor Jordan, of Berkeley, and they have a son, William Taylor.

Mrs. Hoyt has long been actively and helpfully interested in public affairs. For years she took a prominent part in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps and is a past national senior vice president of the order, having been unanimously elected to the office in Boston, Massachusetts, at the national convention in August, 1917. She was also the World war president of the Woman's Relief Corps, having been unanimously elected department president at the convention held in Long Beach in May, 1917. During the war Mrs. Hoyt was a member of the State Council of Defense, and a four-minute speaker. She has also held many other department and national offices in the Woman's Relief Corps and is very widely known in that organization. She is the treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps Home of California, a state institution, situated in Santa Clara county, which admits only wives, widows, sisters and daughters of Civil war veterans. She has occupied this position continuously since 1918. She is likewise affiliated with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil war, in which she is an officer, and she also holds official position in the Berkeley Chapter of the American War Mothers. She has membership in the Berkeley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and in Bethany Shrine and she is a member of the Congregational church. As the years have passed she has become identified with many organized activities looking to the betterment, development and progress of community, state and nation. She belongs to the Mobilized Women of Berkeley, of which she is serving as a director and second vice president; the League of Women Voters, in which she has been a member of the executive board and chairman of municipal affairs; the Veterans Council of Berkeley, of which she is vice president; the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce; the Berkeley Public Library board, to which she was appointed by the city council; the democratic county central committee, of which she is vice chairman; the democratic state central committee; the Woman's Democratic Club of Alameda County, of which she is past president; the Political Science Club; and the University Mothers Club, of which she is past president. Mrs. Hoyt has always regarded it as the duty as well as the privilege of every individual to exercise his right of franchise for the support of activities for the betterment of the government and of humanity in general. In May, 1923, she was elected a member of the city council of Berkeley and endorsement of her first term's service came to her in reelection in May, 1927. She was sponsored during the campaign by the Berkeley Municipal League ticket. She is also a believer in world cooperation and feels that America will yet take her place in the family of nations and thereby bring about the peace of the world. With all her various membership connections, there is no one who believes more firmly that the home is the foundation stone of our government and that the mother should early teach her boys and girls love and reverence for the home and family, patriotism, the value of earnest, honest

endeavor and love of country and flag. She is a firm and consistent advocate of temperance, benevolence, humanitarianism and service to one's fellowmen and in her life has exemplified the most sterling qualities of womanhood. Her influence has been far-reaching and resultant and her labors have been a factor in the uplift of the communities in which she has lived. Those who know her—and she has a very wide acquaintance—esteem her most highly and she is accorded rank with the foremost women of California.

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### RUGG & LISBON

Among the home building concerns of Oakland, the firm of Rugg & Lisbon has attracted much attention because of the high quality of the houses which it builds, its development work and its progressive business methods. Its most recent undertaking, the development of English Village, is along such original and unusual lines for this country that the work is being watched with marked interest by all who are identified with the development of Oakland, as well as by prospective home buyers. J. E. Lisbon, a member of the firm, is a native son of Oakland, born on the 21st of January, 1891, and in the public schools of this city received his elementary education. He then entered the engineering school of the University of California, from which he was graduated as a civil engineer in 1914. For several years he was in government employ, in the valuation department, his work being along the Pacific coast. He also spent some years with the New York Central Railroad, as assistant engineer, and then, when the United States became involved in the World war, he enlisted in the navy, from which he was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He next engaged in the building contracting business in Oakland, remaining alone until 1924, when he formed his present partnership with R. R. Rugg, under the firm name of Rugg & Lisbon.

Mr. Rugg was born at Woodland, Yolo county, California, attended the public schools of Oakland and also had a business college education. For twenty years he was employed by Sherman Clay & Company, becoming manager of their store at San Jose, which position he held for six years, leaving them to work for the government during the later part of the World war, under the War and Navy Departments Commissions on training camp activities. After the armistice was signed he again worked for Sherman Clay & Company and left their employ in 1922 at Portland, Oregon, going to Seattle, Washington, to become district sales manager for the Kardex Company. In 1924 he became identified with Mr. Lisbon in the present business as developers of subdivisions and builders of fine homes. Theirs has become one of the best known building firms in this section of the district and their operations have been on a large scale. They subdivided a tract on Seventy-ninth avenue, on which they built thirty-five homes, after which on the Saroni tract, at Eighty-second, Eighty-third and Eight-fourth avenues and Foothill boulevard, they erected forty-nine homes, all of which were quickly sold and are now popular residence sections. They have also contracted for stores and homes in the East Bay Section. Their present subdivision, known as English Village, comprises six and a half acres, located at Seventy-seventh avenue and Holly street,

and on it fifty-six homes will be built. For years we have heard about the beautiful cottages of old English villages. For years, too, architects have been building into the fine homes of America the substantial beauty of the large English house. But nowhere, at least in the west, has there been any attempt to reproduce the smaller English type of home. English Village now offers the charm, the beauty, the attractive hominess of the modest English dwelling, plus the convenience of the modern American home, a delightful and satisfying combination. Each of the fifty-six homes in English village will have its own walled garden. Each will be distinctive from its neighbors, yet all of the houses will have many characteristics in common. The entire village will be one of the most unusual developments in the west and an ideal place in which to live. In looking through these houses it is found that every detail has been carefully studied out by their designer, W. W. Dixon, who is the architect of Normandy Gardens and many other notable developments, and every house is well built. Rugg & Lisbon have erected hundreds of homes in the district east of Lake Merritt and English Village represents the result of all of their experience in building, being undoubtedly the best value that has ever been offered the home owner by an East Bay builder. Outside every house are such features as a well planned garden, fish pond, paint garden benches, shrubs and flowers. Every roof is shingled in thatch texture. Walls are harmoniously colored. Every garage corresponds in design with the house and is fully equipped with work bench, pit and special hardware. Interior features of the houses are all distinctive. Carefully planned kitchens, with many built-in features, including refrigerators; colored tile in bathrooms and kitchens; hand decorated chairs and tables in the breakfast rooms and large closets with cedar shelves and other noteworthy features. For the community as a whole a playground is being equipped and its use loaned by Rugg & Lisbon. Race and building restrictions safeguard every investor and insure that English Village will be a beautiful and permanently attractive community. Street car and Southern Pacific lines are near by and schools and the business district are convenient. Homes in English Village range in price from six thousand five hundred dollars up and are sold on easy terms. Rugg & Lisbon are rendering a real service to Oakland in the development of so laudable an undertaking as this and are of the type of men who are of special value to society as it exists today. They have met with well merited success in all of their undertakings, having won a reputation for up-to-date business methods and honorable dealing, and command the unqualified confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with them.

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#### LOUIS J. KENNEDY

One of the most important county offices is that of assessor, a position which demands mature judgment and keen discrimination. That these essential qualifications are possessed in large measure by Louis J. Kennedy, the present assessor of Alameda county, is evidenced by the high character of the service which he is rendering and the prestige which he commands throughout the county. A native of Oakland, Mr. Kennedy was born August 27, 1880, and is a son of James F.

and Mary (Schofield) Kennedy, who were representatives of old Ohio families. The father came from Iowa to California in 1876 and for a number of years engaged in the contracting business. Later he became foreman of the smelting department of the United States mint in San Francisco, and also served as chief of the fire department of Oakland. He died November 24, 1926, at the age of seventy-seven years, and is survived by his widow.

Louis J. Kennedy was educated in the public schools of Oakland, graduating from high school in June, 1899, and then spent three years in the College of Mines of the University of California. For several years he followed the game of baseball as a professional, and then resumed the work of civil engineering. For awhile he was with the city of Oakland, and later with the Southern Pacific Railroad, with which he remained until April, 1907, when he was appointed chief deputy city assessor of Oakland. He held that position until June, 1919, when he became assistant county assessor, and on the death of the assessor was promoted to that position, in which he has served to the present time.

Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Ely, a native of Woodland, Yolo county, California, and they are the parents of a son, Louis J., Jr. In his political views, Mr. Kennedy is a republican and is actively interested in local public affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Woodmen of the World, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Lions Club, the Press Club and the Athens Athletic Club. He is ardently fond of outdoor life, hunting being one of his favorite forms of diversion, and is still greatly interested in baseball as a spectator. Of cordial and friendly manner, he enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout Alameda county, and has a host of warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### JOHN F. STOER

John F. Stoer, who was numbered among the pioneer merchants of Emeryville, California, was born March 17, 1830, in Nuremberg, Germany. He came to America on a ship on which over one hundred emigrants died of cholera when en route. Landing at New York, he thence made his way to the state of Virginia, where he worked on a railroad at a time when hickory rails were used in place of the steel rail of the present day. From Virginia he pursued his way southward to New Orleans and from that point to St. Louis, where he became ill of smallpox. On his recovery he continued his northward journey and in the spring of 1856 reached St. Paul, Minnesota, where he engaged in business, furnishing supplies to the many steamers then operating on the Mississippi river. In April, 1864, with others, he trekked west to the gold fields of Montana and when on the way was halted at Fort Laramie until a sufficient number of wagons and teams had arrived to form a train that would insure their safety through the Indian country. Finally a train of two hundred and fifty wagons was assembled and started for the gold mines, crossing Wyoming through the Wind River, Big Horn and Jackson Hole country and thence proceeding down the Yellowstone to Alder Gulch

at Virginia City, Montana. The Crow and Sioux Indians were very hostile as the party traveled westward. At that time Virginia City was Montana's capital and so continued until the removal of the seat of government to Helena. Pioneer conditions existed and Mr. Stoer became a member of the vigilantes committee which hung Slade and his outlaw followers, the former being the man to whom Mark Twain referred as the "most notorious and cruel outlaw of the west." Mr. Stoer was elected alderman of Virginia City and sat on the first municipal board that ruled that section. In 1877 he migrated to San Francisco and in the fall of 1878 came to Oakland, where he engaged in business until 1895, when he retired, turning over the business to his son, Fred J. Stoer. He was one of a committee, with Joseph S. Emery, Smythe and G. P. Clapp, that formed the present Emery school district in 1883, purchasing the lot and erecting the first school building on Forty-first street. Mr. Stoer built a pretentious residence on Adeline street near San Pablo avenue and passed away March 17, 1914, at the age of eighty-four years.

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### FRED J. STOER

Fred J. Stoer, who after a long and active business career is now retired, is numbered among the pioneers of Alameda county, having been one of the first settlers of Emeryville, he and his family having practically been the builders of the town, in the progress and welfare of which he has always taken a deep and helpful interest. Mr. Stoer was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 16, 1864, and is a son of John F. and Caroline (Heimerdinger) Stoer. He left St. Paul in April, 1864, and with his father treked overland through Nebraska and Wyoming to Virginia City, Montana, and to Adler Gulch, the richest gulch ever discovered, eighty million dollars worth of placer gold being recovered there, although the gulch is only fifteen miles in length. After leaving St. Paul his father's wagon train of six mules and two wagons was detained at Fort Laramie and not allowed to proceed until a sufficient number of wagons had reached that point to make a train that would insure safety to the people as they traveled westward. When about two hundred and fifty wagons had been assembled they proceeded west through the Big Hole and Wind River country in Wyoming, this being the second largest wagon train that passed through that section following Captain Bridger, who conducted the first train through that district. Those were truly pioneer times, as there were no railroads and in fact only poorly marked wagon tracks. The country was over-run by hostile Indians, including the Crow, Bannock, Nez Perce and Sioux tribes. At one point on the trip the wild buffaloes crossing the trail going south were so numerous that the train was held up for two days, unable to get by.

In the spring of 1877 the family came to California and for a short time resided in San Francisco, where Mr. Stoer attended school, but in the fall of 1878 they came to Oakland, settling at Thirty-eighth street and San Pablo avenue, now Emeryville. Mr. Stoer attended the Oakland Business College under D. C. Taylor, principal, and after his graduation returned to Minnesota to learn the flour milling business under his grandfather, who conducted a large flour mill there, known as

the Golden Gold flour mill, situated near New Ulm. After thoroughly acquainting himself with the methods of flour manufacture Mr. Stoer returned to California and entered business with his father, opening a general merchandise, hay and grain business at Thirty-eighth street and San Pablo avenue, Emeryville. In this enterprise he met with substantial success, so that in 1918 he practically retired from business. In 1901 the mercantile business was leased to Bernhardt & Erickson and the hay and grain business was removed to Fortieth street and San Pablo avenue, where a large warehouse was built and an extensive business was carried on in hay, grain and storage. Branches were established in Tanforan, San Mateo county, and also at Ingleside, near San Francisco, under the name of the Stoer Warehouse Company and much of the better quality of hay was shipped to eastern markets—New York, Chicago and New Orleans. In 1918 the business was sold to George G. Prytz, to whom the property was leased and who is still carrying on the business.

After accumulating a comfortable competence Mr. Stoer retired from active business and devoted his time and attention to the development and management of his properties here and elsewhere. Having firm faith in his section of the city, he erected a three-story brick building at Peralta street and San Pablo avenue, the lower floors being designed for stores and the third floor for modern apartments. He also erected two large fireproof garages and this section has become the heart of the business district of Emeryville. In 1915 Mr. Stoer bought the controlling interest in the First National Bank, formerly the Syndicate Bank, and was its president until 1922, when the institution was sold to the American Trust Company. He is also the owner of large ranch and mining interests, and in overseeing these he finds his chief source of recreation.

In his political views Mr. Stoer is a republican and has always been interested in affairs pertaining to the general good. In 1896 he became one of the incorporators of the town of Emeryville and has served continuously as a member of its board of councilmen for thirty-two years. This town is one of the largest manufacturing districts of the East bay and is unique in that it has no bonded indebtedness and the lowest tax rate of any city in California, the tax being only sixty-five cents on one hundred dollars valuation. Mr. Stoer's hope is to keep the town out of debt and keep down the taxes and the above rate shows the effectiveness of his efforts. On the 9th of April, 1928, he was reelected for the ninth time as a member of the board of councilmen by a three to one majority, his tenure of office to continue until April, 1932. The fact that he has again and again been called to this position is unmistakable proof of the confidence entertained for him by his fellow townsmen and his unfaltering fidelity to duty.

Mr. Stoer is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Athens Athletic Club. Throughout his life he has followed the motto "Honesty is the best policy" and has found that it pays to be straightforward and reliable in all of his dealings, whether of a public or private nature. No history of Emeryville and this section of the state would be complete without reference to Fred J. Stoer and his father, John F. Stoer. Upon the splendid foundation of business and civic activity which the father laid, the son has builded, his efforts ably seconding and rounding out the labors of his sire. The results achieved have been notable,



not only from the standpoint of success, but in their far-reaching effect and influence, particularly as forces in the development and improvement of the East Bay district, and public opinion in many ways attests the worth and value of Fred J. Stoer as a representative citizen of Emeryville.

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### PROFESSOR WILLIS ERVIN GIBSON

One of the leading technical educational institutions of the Bay district is the Polytechnic College at Oakland, of which Professor Willis Ervin Gibson is the owner and president. During the period of this school's existence it has done splendid work in preparing men for useful careers and has grown steadily in popularity because of the thoroughness of its work and the high standing which many of its graduates have attained in the world's affairs.

Professor Gibson was born in Linn county, Missouri, on the 29th of January, 1870, and is a son of Daniel R. and Sarah Frances (Jacobs) Gibson. In his native county he spent his boyhood and received his early education, later attending the Teachers Normal School at Houston, Missouri. In September, 1894, he entered Gem City College at Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1896, after which he taught school in Missouri and Cleveland, Ohio. In 1893 he came to Oakland, California, where he taught four years in the public schools, and in 1898 he established the Polytechnic College. His first location was in the old Y. M. C. A. building at Twelfth and Clay streets, but the growth of the college requiring more room and better facilities for its works, Mr. Gibson bought a lot at Thirteenth and Madison streets and erected the present college building, which is in every respect admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is used. The courses taught include aeronautical, architectural, civil, electric, mechanical and mining engineering, architectural, mechanical and structural drafting, automobile mechanics, battery ignition, aviation ground work, machine shop work, surveying, estimating and construction foremen, and practical work in electricity and building. Able and competent instructors are employed and painstaking attention is given to every student, so that he receives the largest possible opportunity to become proficient and capable in his particular line. Professor Gibson has been very successful in his business affairs and has wisely invested in real estate, being the owner of a fine fruit ranch of one hundred and sixty acres in the Sacramento valley, on which he raises abundant crops of peaches, prunes, pears and cherries.

In 1894 Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Rena Stanley, of Michigan, and they are the parents of four children: Gladys is now the wife of Robert T. Hartford, instructor in electrical engineering in the Polytechnic College, and they reside in Oakland. Howard D. Gibson, who is assistant in the electrical engineering department of the college, married Frances Pennington and they also make their home in Oakland. Deane is a graduate of the University of California, from the College of Commerce and is now with the American Factors Corporation of San Francisco. Donald is attending the Oakland Technical high school.

Professor Gibson is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a past president of the Oakland





*W. E. Gibson*



Chamber of Commerce. Because of his learning and attainments, his business ability and the fine work which he is doing in the educational field, he commands to a marked degree the respect and esteem of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of Oakland's representative citizens.

Oakland is fortunate in having among her most prominent men and workers one who combines the ability to be a successful educator and a forceful worker in civic affairs. Professor W. E. Gibson served two terms as president of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. While he has been making the Polytechnic famous as an educational institution and training thousands of young men and women for lives of usefulness in the business world, he has made an equally prominent mark as a leading factor in the work of various civic organizations. He has been a director of the Merchants' Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce for several years. He was elected president of the latter organization in January, 1912, and because of his successful direction of that body, he was reelected in January, 1913. At the convention of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast in 1913, the record and personality of Professor Gibson so impressed the delegates that they elected him president of that coast body for that year. Governor Johnson recognized his ability by appointing him to write the official argument against the sixth amendment of the state constitution, which was before the people for consideration in an initiative petition. The record of Professor Gibson for good government, honesty and efficiency in civic affairs is thoroughly appreciated and his sincerity has inspired thousands of others to believe as he does.

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### AUGUST H. ROSE

Peculiar honor attaches to that individual who, beginning the great struggle of life unaided, gradually overcomes the obstacles in the pathway of success and, through his own force succeeds in forging his way to the front and winning a competency and a position of respect and influence among his fellowmen. Such is the record of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch and who is deservedly numbered among the leading business men of Oakland. August H. Rose was born on a backwoods farm in Logan township, province of Ontario, Canada, February 17, 1871, and is one of a family of nine children. He had but slight opportunity for securing an education and devoted his early years to work on the home farm. When seventeen years of age he started out to earn his own livelihood and on his arrival in Detroit, Michigan, he had a friend write to his parents, as he had never learned to write. However, he was intensely ambitious and while in Detroit attended night school and, later, a business college. He also took up mechanical drawing and learned the carpenter trade in that city. He learned quickly everything to which he applied himself and in the building trade he soon became known as an expert, being put in charge of the construction of some of the buildings of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He was still comparatively young for so important a position and was called "The Kid Boss." There now hangs on the wall of his office in Oakland a photograph, taken October

31, 1890, showing the building he was erecting and the crew of men working under him.

In August, 1906, Mr. Rose arrived in Oakland, with forty-three dollars in his pocket, and opened a small cabinet shop and planing mill on Seventeenth street, in which he made a specialty of store furniture and fixtures, and in this venture he met with success. In recent years Mr. Rose has been engaged during a greater part of the time in making fire insurance appraisals and adjusting fire losses in various parts of the state, in which line of work he has gained an enviable reputation, being a man of clear-headed judgment and governed by a desire to be absolutely fair and honest in every transaction. He has been very successful in all of his affairs and now has under construction a beautiful residence, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars.

Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Weimar, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and they are the parents of four children, Harold W., Mrs. Ethel May Lehan, William A., who is associated with his father in business, and Dorothy Elizabeth. Mr. Rose is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Sciots and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and belongs to the Oakland Builders Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce. Candid and straightforward in manner and of forceful personality, he has won and retains an enviable place in the confidence and regard of his fellowmen wherever he is known.

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### FRED WALTER FOSS

Fred Walter Foss has established an enviable record as treasurer of Alameda county and belongs to that class of men who are holding public office in the interests of the people at large. He has been identified with the leading civic movements for many years and has held a public office for over twenty years. Mr. Foss was a member of the board of freeholders of Berkeley when the charter for the commission form of government was drafted.

He was born August 1, 1871 in Linn county, Missouri. His father, Martin Foss, was a native of Maine, having been born September 9, 1840, in the town of Marshfield. In 1863, he yielded to the lure of the west and lived for four years in Washington. In 1867 he came to San Francisco, California, and later made a trip to the east. He spent a few years in the Pine Tree state and then migrated to Missouri where he was married to Evelyn C. Seavey. She was born November 22, 1847, in Whitneyville, Maine, and died in July, 1888.

Mr. Foss received his education in the public schools of San Francisco. Selecting lumber as his business, he organized the F. W. Foss Lumber Company. The Hogan-Foss Lumber Company is now the successor, with Mr. Foss as president.

In 1908 Mr. Foss became a member of the board of supervisors, on which he represented the fourth district of Alameda county. In 1918 he was elected to the office of county treasurer. For the past ten years he has been the treasurer of this county, discharging his duties with characteristic efficiency and fidelity.

In 1893 Mr. Foss was joined in marriage with Anna Minerva Renwick, who was born July 27, 1870, in Allegany county, New York, and was called away

January 1, 1910. Of that union were five children: Fred Walter Jr., William Renwick, Lulu Renwick, who is the wife of William C. Peck, Anita Lorraine, and Elmer Renwick. In 1912 Mr. Foss married Vida M. Vervalin.

With the declaration of war against Germany, William R. Foss voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army and served for over two years, seven months being spent in France. He joined the American Legion and in 1924 was made commander of his Post. As chief deputy treasurer he assists his father in safeguarding the funds of the county. In 1919 he married Dorothy Wellendorf of Berkeley. They have one daughter, Geraldine Ann.

A republican of progressive views, Fred W. Foss was made president of the Berkeley Unit of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League. He was the first president of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Foss has held office in numerous fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Order of Moose and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Worthy motives and high principles have actuated Mr. Foss at all points in his career. Of a frank, genial and winning personality, he has drawn to him a wide circle of loyal friends.

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### ALFRED W. SCHNECK

Alfred W. Schneck, of Oakland, who enjoys a wide reputation as a builder of real homes, in which business he has been very successful, is deserving of great credit for what he has accomplished, for he began in humble circumstances and had to work hard and persistently in order to get a start in life. His prosperity has been honorably earned and he stands today among the respected and influential business men of the East Bay district. Mr. Schneck was born in Menomonie, Wisconsin, on the 16th of August, 1890, and is the second in order of birth of the eleven children born to his parents. He received his education in his home neighborhood, attending a German school for six years and English schools for four years. At the early age of eight years he began to work, helping to support the family, and at the age of fourteen years he was doing a man's work. Determined to make his own way in the world, he ran away from home, walking nine miles to a railroad, on which he paid thirty-two cents for a ticket to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There he secured work in a furniture factory, for which he was paid one dollar a day, and afterwards worked in Dell's paper mill as a screen tender for one dollar and a quarter a day. During 1907-8 he was at Cuderan, Wisconsin, where he was employed as second cook in a logging camp, working from four o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night, in order to feed ninety men, for which labor he received thirty-five dollars a month. Returning to Eau Claire, he established a laundry, which he ran for three years, and then sold. In 1913 Mr. Schneck went to Los Angeles, California, where he obtained work in the Excelsior laundry, remaining there until 1914, when he went to San Francisco. His first work there was with the Mercury Automobile Company, on Golden Gate avenue, where he was employed in repairing and painted sight-seeing busses. Later he came to Oakland and for five years

was employed as a conductor on the Key Route system. He then learned the carpenter trade with Barrett & Sheely, after which he engaged in contracting and building on his own account. His record from that time to the present has been one of continuous activity in that line, for he early established a reputation for honest work and square dealing, and he has erected many attractive homes and apartment buildings throughout the East Bay district, having had as many as eighteen houses under construction at one time. He employs an average of forty men and among the many structures erected by him are the fine homes of J. M. Evans, F. A. Marshall, L. C. Smith and A. A. Steele, an apartment house for F. J. Mountain, a flat for M. J. Steele, and the brick building for the American Trust Company Bank at Seventy-third avenue and East Fourteenth street. He is painstaking and thorough, taking a justifiable pride in the high quality of his work, and has been found absolutely dependable under all circumstances.

Mr. Schneck was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Tickell, a native of Kansas, and they are the parents of two sons, Curtis David, who is ten years of age, and John Alfred, three years old. Mr. Schneck is a member of Fellowship Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is an extremely popular member of the circles in which he moves, while throughout the community in which he lives he is held in high esteem for his splendid personal qualities and his business ability.

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### HARRY C. SMITH

The health of the people of a community is very largely dependent on the purity of its food supply, and the position of food and market inspector is one of the utmost importance. This office in Oakland is held by Harry C. Smith, who during the ten years that he has been at the head of the department has practically reorganized it and has maintained its efficiency at a standard which has enabled it to function properly at a minimum of expense and effort. Mr. Smith was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of March, 1882, and is a son of David T. and Elizabeth (Clark) Smith, both of whom are deceased.

Harry C. Smith received his education in the public schools and manual training schools, and at the age of eighteen years engaged in the insurance business. He came to Oakland, California, in 1905, and has lived here continuously since. In 1917 he was made chief food and market inspector of this city, at which time the department was poorly organized and its duties but indifferently performed. Mr. Smith at once undertook to perfect an organization along the latest scientific lines, doing away with much former duplication of effort, curtailing the force about one-half, and making the department self-sustaining. He has thirty men under his supervision, all of whom are reliable and trustworthy, and the character and quality of the food and the methods of handling it are kept under constant inspection. With a proper appreciation of the importance of the work in which he and his men are engaged, they are doing a most effective service, greatly appreciated by the people of the city.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Stella English, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have three children, Grace, Robert and Jane. Mr. Smith is a Mason

and has taken the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Greater Oakland Club. He served as a member of the First Philadelphia Reserves, and from 1898 to 1905 was a member of Company F, First Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard. Mr. Smith is a lover of outdoor recreation, trout and bass fishing being his favorite diversion. He has been indefatigable in his official duties, keeping in mind always the public welfare, and throughout the city is held in high esteem.

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### MRS. NANNIE S. KRAMER

Endowed with executive power and animated by a spirit of broad humanitarianism, Mrs. (P. J.) Nannie S. Kramer has become a strong force for moral, educational and civic progress in Oakland, and her ability and achievements have placed her with California's foremost women. She was born in St. Peter, Minnesota, a daughter of Alexander and Marie (Matson) Brown. Her father, who was stone mason by trade, came to California to assist in the building of Stanford University. On November 3, 1921, he was called to his final rest and is survived by Mrs. Brown, who still resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Their daughter, Nannie S. Brown, attended the public schools of St. Peter, Minnesota, and in 1898 was graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College. For five years she was engaged in educational work in that state, teaching in Balaton, Winthrop and Sacred Heart, and in 1905 came to San Francisco, California. On May 9, 1906, she was married to Peter J. Kramer, who was born February 20, 1880, in Cleveland, Ohio, and is superintendent of the Pacific Pipe Company of Oakland and San Francisco. They are the parents of a son, Lloyd, who was born November 9, 1907.

Mrs. Kramer's first work in the field of public service was in connection with the Washington Parent-Teacher Association of which she was chosen president in 1918. In the following year she was made recording secretary of the second district Parent-Teacher Association and in 1919 was called to the presidency of the Oakland Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, which she represented in that capacity for two years. It was during that period that she started nutrition work in the Oakland schools, a movement that has since proven of great benefit to pupils. Her deep interest in and understanding of children led to her appointment as chairman of the juvenile court in 1918, a position for which she proved equally well qualified. As one of the partners of the Junior Red Cross Shop she was the means of keeping it open, using the money for the promotion of child health, and she secured for the organization five thousand members, the largest in the district. In 1923 she became a member of the Oakland board of education, and the record which she made led to her reelection in May, 1927, for another term of four years. In 1923 as state finance chairman of the California Congress of Mothers, she created the state scholarship loan department, for which the commonwealth has set aside the sum of fifteen hundred dollars a year. This fund is used to aid ten deserving students to secure a college education, the money being loaned without interest, and when they have acquired an earning capacity it is returned to the state. Mrs.

Kramer is now chairman of the state scholarship loan fund, which has long passed the experimental stage, and she trusts that in time this will become a revolving fund.

In local club circles she has long been prominent and in 1925 was chairman of the finance committee of the Oakland Federation of Women's Club. On October 27, 1925, she called the first meeting to organize the Women's City Club and was one of the four organizers of that club which now has three thousand members. On October 12, 1927, work was started on their six-story building at the corner of Fourteenth and Alice streets, which will contain six shops, seventy-five rooms for business and professional women, these having already been rented. Other features of the structure will be a public auditorium seating one thousand persons, a fine swimming pool and an up-to-date gymnasium. The building will cost approximately five hundred thousand dollars and the rooms and shops will be ready for occupancy in September, 1928. When chairman of the finance committee of Parent-Teacher Association it was brought to her attention that women had no meeting place in Oakland but the Y. W. C. A. building. Then it was that she called the first meeting of women in various organizations throughout the city to organize a club for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a building to be used for all women's activities, and from this has grown the above building.

She was appointed membership chairman of the Women's City Club and after two years of effort her work was crowned with success. Mrs. Kramer takes deep interest in religious affairs, and has been an active worker in Sunday school and church organizations. While she works towards high ideals, her methods are practical, and every public activity which merited her interest has become an achievement. Mrs. Kramer has generously given her services for the general good, and her record proves that women are becoming as great a factor as men in civic advancement.

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#### WALTER E. CULVER

The Piedmont fire department has made an enviable record under the direction of its chief, Walter E. Culver, who has gained wide recognition as an unusually capable and efficient department head. Mr. Culver was born in Jefferson City, Montana, on the 11th of November, 1887, and secured his education in the public schools of Boise, Idaho, where he graduated from high school. On April 7th, 1907, he became connected with the fire department of that city, and has followed that line of work to the present time, a period of twenty-one years. After nine years with the Boise department, he came to Berkeley, California, where he at once entered the fire department, and on November 15th of that year joined the Piedmont department as assistant chief. On January 1, 1927, he was appointed chief of the department, in which position he is still serving. In the department there are sixteen men and the equipment consists of two pumps, one service truck and one combination chemical wagon. The Piedmont district has a remarkable record in relation to its fire loss, and in 1921 won the Thomas Ince silver cup for having the smallest loss per capita of any city in the United States. Its loss by fire was only seven



hundred and forty-two dollars, against a property valuation of fifteen million dollars. Mr. Culver is cool and fearless in the face of the most difficult conditions, has shown excellent judgment in combatting fires and commands the confidence of his men, who respect and admire him for his fine record.

Mr. Culver was united in marriage to Miss Frances K. Branson, who is a native of Idaho and they are the parents of two children: Frances F. and Forest W. Mr. Culver is a member of Piedmont Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M., at Oakland; the California Fire Chiefs Association; the State Firemen's Association and the International Fire Protection Association, and is also secretary of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs. He has shown a deep interest in everything relating to the public welfare and because of his splendid personal qualities is deservedly popular throughout his community.

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### THE BESSIE J. WOOD COMPANY

In the last few decades women have invaded and successfully maintained their position in fields of effort formerly monopolized by men, but in the undertaking business for some reason comparatively few women are to be found. Bessie J. Wood, of Oakland, is the pioneer of her sex to take up funeral directing as a profession in the Bay district, and probably in the state, and her success in this line has been so outstanding as to be well worthy of specific mention, the Bessie J. Wood Company having one of the leading undertaking establishments in Oakland. Bessie J. Wood was born in Vacaville, Solano county, California, on the 9th of February, 1877, and is a daughter of a Baptist minister. She attended the public schools and shortly after graduating from the Fresno high school came to East Oakland and began her business career. On February 1, 1897, when not yet twenty years old, she bought a half interest in the undertaking business of J. L. Maynard, for which she paid two hundred dollars, raising the money on a note. Their first place of business was in a small frame store building at East Fourteenth and Twenty-third avenues, for which they paid a rental of ten dollars a month. After a time Bessie Wood purchased her partner's interest and a little later Grant D. Miller became her partner. Soon they began shipping caskets to Alaska where Mr. Miller went during the gold rush. He remained at Nome for a year while Miss Wood conducted the business here. Her partner then returned and they were in business together until 1908. The business steadily increased, necessitating more room, and they moved to 1128 Twenty-third avenue, where they rented a seven-room flat and storeroom for twenty-eight dollars a month. In 1908 Bessie J. Wood, anxious to move into the downtown business center of Oakland, secured quarters at Twentieth street and Broadway, built especially for her use, the rent of which was one hundred dollars a month, but the business soon outgrew that place and her next move was to a much larger place on Williams street and Telegraph avenue, where she remained eight years. Five years ago she and her husband, Arthur E. Gustason, occupied the present building at 2850 Telegraph avenue, which they purchased and arranged to meet the needs of the business, and they now have commodious and well equipped quarters, well adapted to take care of the business, which has enjoyed

a steady and continuous growth. Mrs. Gustason devotes her attention to the business management and other duties, and is painstaking and thoughtful in caring for the needs and the comfort of those who require her services. For seven years she was secretary of the state board of embalmers and was the author of a bill, which was passed by the state legislature, for the licensing of embalmers. At the time forty-seven men were killed in a mine at Jackson, Amador county, she identified the bodies, a gruesome task, but a necessary one. She belongs to the National Selected Morticians Association and for a number of years was the only woman member of that organization. She has attended a number of its conventions and conducted a morning session before the convention at Washington, D. C., in 1926.

In 1920 Bessie J. Wood became the wife of Arthur E. Gustason, a civil engineer by profession, who served in the Sixty-second Coast Artillery during the World war, and who is now managing the undertaking business. They own a walnut ranch near Stockton, in the San Joaquin valley. Though her business has made heavy demands on her time, Mrs. Gustason has taken a deep interest in the club, social and civic affairs of her community, in which she has been an active figure. She was one of the organizers of the Professional and Business Women's Club of Oakland, of which she was president when the lot for the club building was purchased, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. She has served as chairman of the civics department of the District Federation of Women's Clubs, which includes four counties. She has served as a director of the Oakland Woman's Club and the Woman's City Club and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In her political views she is a progressive republican and is well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day. Her splendid business record, her attractive personality and her tactful and friendly manner have combined to gain for her the confidence and respect of the entire community and the admiration of a large circle of warm and loyal friends.

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#### DAVID N. EDWARDS

David N. Edwards, best known among his friends as "Nat" is numbered among the active and successful business men of Alameda county, being president and manager of The Oakland Planing Mill, Inc., as well as being identified with several other enterprises in the community.

Mr. Edwards was born in San Francisco, California, May 25, 1890, and is a son of David L. and Sarah (Taggart) Edwards. The father came to California in 1886, meeting Miss Taggart in San Diego, and a year later being married in San Francisco. For twenty-five years he was employed at the Zenith Planing Mill but is now deceased.

David N. Edwards attended the public schools of Oakland, graduating from the Oakland high school to enter the University of California with the class of 1914. In August, 1919, he entered into a partnership with C. W. Schneider and took over the business of the Burnham-Standeford Company under the name of The Oakland Planing Mills. Burnham-Standeford Company had been doing a planing mill business in Oakland since 1869. In 1924 the business was incorporated



DAVID N. EDWARDS



under the name of The Oakland Planing Mill, Inc. The company manufactures all kinds of interior finish, sash, doors and cabinet work, catering particularly to high class architectural requirements. The prosperity of the business has been founded on the high quality of the work produced, the result being that the firm is enjoying a well deserved success. During the busy season about one hundred men are employed.

In 1916 Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Vivian Taylor, whose father, William L. Taylor, was a pioneer of Alameda county and was for many years engaged in the hardware business in Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have two children, William David and Dorothy Jane.

Fraternally Mr. Edwards is a member of Park Boulevard Lodge No. 568, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite bodies, and Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Oakland Lions Club, of which he is a director; the Athenian Nile Club and the Athens Athletic Club. He has so conducted his interests that he has not only won individual success but has also contributed to the up-building and development of his community, and his record as a business man and a private citizen has been such as has gained him a high place in the estimation of his fellowmen.

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#### REV. JOSEPH D. O'BRIEN, O. P.

For thirty-six years Rev. Joseph D. O'Brien has devoted his life to the ministry and his record is replete with able and effective service in the interest of his fellowmen. He is now pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic church at Berkeley and is regarded as a distinct asset to the religious life of that community. Father O'Brien was born in San Francisco, California, on the 1st of January, 1867, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Flanagan) O'Brien. His father was a native of Ireland, whence he came to California in 1849, making the long voyage around Cape Horn to San Francisco, where he became a prominent and well known citizen.

Father O'Brien attended Christian Brothers Sacred Heart College in San Francisco, and when sixteen years of age entered the Dominican order. He was a student at St. Dominic's priory at Benicia, California, and on December 27, 1892, was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Reardon in St. Mary's cathedral, San Francisco. He spent twenty-five years as a missionary in the northwest, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon, and in 1915 was recalled to Vallejo, California. There he erected a Catholic high school in 1917, and during the World war did much effective work in support of the government's various war measures, in acknowledgment of which he received from Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, a letter of appreciation. During the influenza epidemic of 1918 the high school which he built was devoted to hospital purposes. On December 8, 1921, Father O'Brien returned to Benicia as prior of St. Dominic's Priory, the mother house of the order, and in 1924 was reelected to that position. In 1926, owing to ill health, he resigned and devoted his attention to restoring his health, with such favorable results that on July 2, 1927, he was appointed to the pastorate of St. Mary Magdalene church at Berkeley. During his stay at Benicia he rebuilt the

Catholic cemetery and, with the aid of a fund, which was started with a three dollar subscription, he greatly beautified it and made a very attractive burial ground.

St. Mary Magdalene church was dedicated August 17, 1924, under the pastorate of Rev. F. P. Driscoll, O. P., who was the first priest assigned to that church, and who was later elected Provincial of the order on the coast. He was an effective worker in the church, having erected other edifices at Seattle, Washington, and Eagle Rock, California. Father O'Brien has added many members to the church at Berkeley, now comprising three hundred families, and all departments of the church are functioning in a very efficient manner. The church organizations are the Society of the Holy Name, the Blessed Sacrament for Women, the Order of St. Dominic, organized in October, 1927, and the Rosarian Sodality, for the young ladies of the parish. A children's class of one hundred and sixty members was organized by the Dominican sisters of Fruitvale and meets on Saturdays in the parish hall. Father O'Brien is recognized as one of the ablest preachers in the diocese, while as a pastor his work proves itself, the church being in a thriving and prosperous condition. He is a man of kindly and affable manner, has made a host of friends since coming to this locality and is regarded as one of its most influential citizens, for, aside from his pastoral work, he has shown a deep interest in the general welfare of the community.

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#### H. C. LOVETT

H. C. Lovett, of the H. C. Lovett Spray Painting Company of Alameda, owes his business success to the fact that he has been able to capitalize his opportunities and has been energetic and judicious in the promotion of his affairs. He is a pioneer in the west in his special line of work as a spray painting contractor and has gained a wide reputation for reliability and efficiency, doing a business over the entire coast region.

Mr. Lovett was born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 3, 1883, and was reared there to the age of nine years, when he accompanied his family on their removal to Kansas City, Missouri, where he lived until twenty-one years of age. He secured his education in the public schools of Louisville and Kansas City, and in the latter place learned the trade of steam fitting with Sulzberger & Sons, the largest concern in its line in the country. With this company Mr. Lovett remained for thirteen years. During this time he superintended the erection of many meat packing plants for the company and was superintendent of their plant at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for a time. After resigning his position with that company, he went to Ogden, Utah, as superintendent of the Ogden Packing & Provision Company and on leaving that concern in 1916 came to California with the intention of entering business for himself. On account of the World war, however, he changed his plans and went to work in the shipyards at Alameda where he remained for two years supervising the building of four ships in that plant. While taking his last ship to the Hunter's Point Dry Docks for inspection and the painting of the ship's bottom, he noticed the ships being painted by the spray process. He quickly comprehended the commercial value of this method of painting large surfaces and

about eight years ago he embarked in that line of business. Success attended him from the start and his business has steadily grown in volume until his operations now extend through the eight Pacific coast states and he keeps ninety men employed during the summer seasons. He works on a large scale and among the more important contracts which he has handled successfully are the plants of the H. J. Heinz Company, the Willys-Overland Automobile Company, the American Smelting & Refining Company, the Hercules Powder Company, the Rialto Citrus Fruit Company, and the Baker-Hanson Company in Alameda, and recently he has painted the Max Sennet studio in Los Angeles. He does practically all of the painting for Standard Oil Company plants in California and other coast states, and in connection therewith he painted about six hundred signs on the roofs of Standard Oil buildings in that many cities and towns of California and other coast states, each sign giving the name of the city in which it was located for the information of aviators, the letters being large enough to be seen at a long distance. Mr. Lovett has a large and complete equipment, of the most modern type, and is prepared to promptly and efficiently fill any sized contract in his line.

Fraternally Mr. Lovett is a Mason, belonging to both York and Scottish Rite bodies; Alameda Lodge No. 1015, B. P. O. E., and the Alameda Rotary Club. His has been a life of diligence and determination, and success in substantial measure has rewarded his labors. He is a progressive and dependable business man and a loyal and patriotic citizen, and his sterling qualities have established him in an enviable position among his fellowmen.

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#### REV. J. J. HENNESSEY

Any pastor who is able to show as part of the results of his labors a four hundred per cent increase in the membership of his church presents indisputable evidence of his ability, persistence and faithfulness. Such has been the record of Rev. J. J. Hennessey as pastor of St. Ambrose Roman Catholic church at West Berkeley, his splendid service here gaining for him an exalted place in public esteem.

Father Hennessey was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1874, and after completing his preliminary education entered Carlow College, where he prepared for the ministry, in 1899 being ordained to the priesthood. In that year he came to California and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Vincent's church at Petaluma, Sonoma county. From there he went as assistant pastor to St. James church in San Francisco, and later became assistant pastor at St. Joseph's church in Alameda. His first regular pastorate was at St. Isador's church in Danville, Contra Costa county, where he did excellent work, and then came to St. Ambrose church at West Berkeley.

This church was erected in 1910 by Rev. Robert Sampson, who was its first pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. Mackie, who was followed by Rev. Comerford, who served until Father Hennessey came. Mass was first celebrated on Christmas day of 1910. Sunday, January 29, 1911, the church was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connell. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. John McGinty, pastor of Holy Cross church, San Francisco, assisted by Rev. P. J. Ryan of Holy Cross,

and Rev. James Kiely, of Elmhurst. Rev. John Butler, then pastor of St. Columba's, was master of ceremonies. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Brennan, S. T. L., of St. Joseph's church, Berkeley. Benediction by Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connell concluded the ceremonies. Among the priests present were Rev. Lawrence Serda, Rev. B. J. McKinnon, Rev. E. P. Dempsey, Rev. P. C. Yorke, Rev. Edward Maher, Rev. J. J. Cranwell and Rev. M. Kearns. The music was rendered by the choir from Holy Cross, San Francisco. The church is a handsome edifice and reflects great credit on the people of the parish and their energetic and devoted pastor. The city is growing extensively in this vicinity and the parish of St. Ambrose promises to become increasingly important. An attraction for the members of the parish and an item conducive to its growth, is the fine climate of this section.

Under the ministry of Father Hennessey the church has been greatly stimulated in all of its departments and the membership has been increased from one hundred families to five hundred families, being now one of the strongest and most active churches of this section of the county. Father Hennessey formed a Young Men's Institute, which has been a valuable adjunct to the work of the church, and in many other ways he has accomplished results which have contributed to the moral betterment of the entire community. Father Hennessey is a strong and effective preacher, while in his pastoral work he has shown an efficiency that has commended him to the admiration and affection of his people, among whom he is deservedly popular, while throughout the community the people, regardless of creed or profession, hold him in high esteem.

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### HON. FRIEND WILLIAM RICHARDSON

One of the distinguished citizens of Alameda county is Friend William Richardson, who recently retired from the office of governor of this state, where he stood for economy in state expenditures, law enforcement and a business government. Governor Richardson was born in Friends Colony (commonly called Quakers) on a farm south of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and is a son of William and Rhoda (Dye) Richardson. His great-grandfather, Johnathan Richardson, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and a devout Quaker. His maternal grandfather was a Quaker preacher. His name Friend denotes his Quaker origin. The family moved to San Bernardino, California, when he was quite young, and there he secured his early education. Afterwards he studied law but after completing his studies decided to enter the newspaper business and purchased the San Bernardino Daily Times-Index, which he conducted until he moved to Berkeley, where he was editor of the Daily Gazette for many years. In 1912 he was appointed state printer and in 1915 was elected state treasurer. His discharge of the duties of that office were satisfactory and he was elected to a second term, receiving the highest vote of any one on the ticket. In November, 1922, he was elected governor of California, in which office he served from January 9, 1923, to January 5, 1927. On retiring from office he spent seven months in a trip around the world.

Governor Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Felder of San



Bernardino, California, and they are the parents of three children: Ruth, now the wife of Frank J. Smith, Paul William and John Albert.

Governor Richardson has been a republican and actively interested in public affairs. He is a member of Durant Lodge, Berkeley, Free and Accepted Masons; Berkeley Commandery, Knights Templar; Oakland Council (Masonic), Islam Temple (San Francisco) of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Berkeley Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Berkeley Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and San Bernardino Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. He also belongs to the California Press Association, of which he has been president for many years. He is a member of the Press Club of San Francisco, the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Pacific Coast Club of Long Beach and the Sutter Club of Sacramento.

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### PIERRE BAREILLES

The man who makes his own way in the world through force of character and honest methods is deserving of high commendation, and of this type was Pierre Bareilles, long a dominant figure in business circles of Alameda and one of the pioneer laundrymen of the country. A native of France, he was born near Pau, in the eastern part of that country, in 1860, and there received his schooling. In 1874, when a youth of fourteen, he made the voyage to the United States in company with friends and came direct to California. In East Oakland he secured work as a general helper in a private residence and later was employed on the Cohen estate in the city of Alameda. He saved his money and with a partner started a small French laundry on Park street, later moving to Central avenue. Meanwhile the Alameda Steam Laundry had been established, and Mr. Bareilles purchased an interest in that enterprise. He installed up-to-date appliances and was constantly improving the plant. Through his untiring efforts and carefully matured plans this became one of the best equipped and most efficiently managed laundries in the county, and for forty years he was engaged in the same line of business in Alameda, winning and retaining a position of leadership in his chosen field of endeavor. In the treatment of his employes he was always tactful, just and considerate and thus secured their harmonious cooperation and goodwill.

In 1886 Mr. Bareilles married Miss Catherine Laporterie, who was also born in France and is living in Alameda. They were the parents of two children. The daughter is the wife of Charles J. Cody and since the death of her father has had charge of the laundry. Although inexperienced at first she soon assimilated the details of the business and under her wise management it is constantly expanding. She enjoys her work, to which she devotes deep thought and study, and has a natural aptitude for commercial affairs. The son, Alfred P. Bareilles, is a student at St. Mary's College and during vacation periods works in the laundry. In accordance with his father's wish, he is diligently applying himself to the task of mastering the business and will soon be able to assist his sister in its conduct.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Bareilles greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing expeditions and when in search of game was accompanied by the valuable dogs which he kept

for this purpose. His interest in the welfare and progress of the city was deep and sincere but he never aspired to public office, being modest and retiring by nature. Genial, kind-hearted and broad-minded, he held a secure place in the esteem of all with whom he was associated and his death on October 13, 1922, as the result of being run over by a truck on Market street, in San Francisco, at the age of sixty-two years, deprived the community of a citizen whom it could ill afford to lose.

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### SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Much of the effective work accomplished in the Roman Catholic parishes of the East Bay district is directly attributable to the able and unselfish efforts of the sisters of the Society of the Holy Family, whose work among the youth of the district has been of a most beneficent and praiseworthy character. In Alameda county there are nineteen sisters of the order, who teach in the Sunday schools of the various Catholic churches of the district and on week days hold classes in catechism for public school children, thus devoting themselves to the noble work of moulding the characters of those to whom they minister. It is not possible to measure adequately the height, breadth or depth of such service, for its influence continues through the lives of succeeding generations.

The Society of the Holy Family was founded in San Francisco, November 6, 1872, by Mgr. J. J. Prendergast. The first sister was Mother M. Dolores, who died in August, 1905. The sisters specialize in the spiritual and social improvement of the children, endearing themselves to the hearts of all. The mother house of the Order is still in San Francisco, but their ennobling work has spread to San Jose, Fresno and Los Angeles, in which cities they maintain branch houses. The sisters also have a day home at 1086 Eighth street, Oakland. Their new home at 328 Hillside avenue, Piedmont, was dedicated by Archbishop Hanna, September 4, 1922, and greatly facilitates their work among the children of the district. Mother M. Consilio is now at the head of the society, the members of which are held in the highest esteem by all, regardless of creed or profession.

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### ST. JOSEPH PRESENTATION ACADEMY

One of the notable educational institutions of the East Bay district is St. Joseph Presentation Academy, at Berkeley, which also bears the distinction of being the pioneer Catholic institution of that place. During its fifty years of history it has done a splendid work in the training of the young and its record gives it a place among the leading schools of Alameda county. St. Joseph Presentation Academy is conducted by the Sisters of the Presentation, and was founded in 1878. The mother house was founded in San Francisco in 1854 by Mother Mary Theresa Comerford, who came to this country from Ireland and devoted her life to religious and educational work. The original convent was located in a large brick building

at Powell and Lombard streets, San Francisco, and subsequently three other convents were established, Sacred Heart, in San Francisco, St. Joseph's, at Sonoma, and St. Joseph's at Berkeley. The last named school has had a steady and healthy growth through the years and its importance gained early recognition. In 1901 a boarding school was started, and in 1878 a fine church building was erected by Rev. Peter Comerford, who was the first pastor. In 1913 an addition was built to the convent and the present beautiful school building was erected by the present pastor, the Rev. Thomas Brennan, S. T. L., the land for the convent and school was donated for that purpose by Mr. McGee. There is now a fully organized boarding school for girls, with seven hundred students in attendance at the day school. The curriculum includes a full high school course, this school being accredited to the University of California. There are twenty teachers, and much attention is given to the teaching of vocal music, one evidence of which is the large and well trained choir. In addition to their work as teachers here, the Sisters teach in the Sunday schools of the Catholic churches in Berkeley and Oakland.

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### MISS MARY ELIZABETH WILSON

The biography of a person is of importance and interest to other people just to the degree that his or her life and work has touched and influenced the lives of individuals, and through them the life of their time. Only in a feeble way, at best, can a life story be told on the printed page. The story is better as it is written on the hearts of others, and the individual does the writing. Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, who for nearly twenty years has governed the Anna Head School, in Berkeley, has done a work in the training of girls that is deserving of the highest encomiums and has gained distinctive recognition among the able and successful educators of the Pacific coast. Miss Wilson was born in Helena, Montana, in 1869, and is a daughter of Enoch Henry and Joanna Halsted (McIntire) Wilson. She graduated from the high school in Oakland in 1887 and then entered Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, from which she was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Letters, in 1891. She further pursued her studies in the University of California, from which she received the degree of Master of Letters in 1896. She became the teacher of rhetoric and composition in Miss Murison's school, in San Francisco, in 1895, remaining there until 1906, when she became the head of the English department of Miss Head's School, in Berkeley, and two years later she bought this school, of which she has been principal continuously since. This well known school has an enrollment of three hundred girls, with a faculty of thirty-four teachers and housemothers, and because of the high quality of its work in both mental and moral training, the school has become justly famous in educational circles.

Miss Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Smith College Society of Northern California, of which she was president from 1915 to 1918; the Fortnightly Club, of which she was president from 1922 to 1924; the Town and Gown Club, of Berkeley, of which she was president in 1925; the Woman's City Club of San Francisco, and the Claremont, Diablo and Orinda

Country clubs. She was also vice president of the Pacific Coast Association of Collegiate Alumnae from 1912 to 1915. She is the translator of "Intellectual and Moral Development of the Child," 1896, and "Later Infancy of the Child," 1902.

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### MISS ANNA HEAD

In several respects one of the most noted women in Alameda county is Miss Anna Head, who is best known perhaps as the founder of the famous Anna Head School, at Berkeley, one of the best known schools for girls in the west. She is also well known as a traveler and scientist, her love for birds and flowers leading her into extensive travel through the by-ways of this country and to foreign lands. Her life has been a useful one and she commands to a marked degree the respect and admiration of all who know her.

Miss Head was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on the 7th day of May, 1857, and is a daughter of the late Judge Edward F. and Eliza (Clement) Head. Her father was a native of Boston; was graduated from Harvard Law School, and practiced his profession in Massachusetts. In 1861 he came to California, his family joining him in 1868, and here he gained distinction in his profession. He served as judge of the superior court of San Mateo county and became known as "the blind judge," having been stricken with blindness while in office, regardless of which affliction he was reelected to the bench and rendered able and appreciated service. Miss Head's brother-in-law, the late Professor Josiah Royce, was a famous educator and philosopher. He was born in Grass Valley, California, was graduated from the University of California at the age of twenty years; studied in one of Germany's noted universities and later became one of Harvard's best known professors.

Miss Head came to California in 1868 and was educated in a private French school in Oakland conducted by Professor Miel. She was graduated from the Oakland high school in 1874, after which she studied music in Boston, Massachusetts. She was one of about twelve girls who were graduated from the University of California in 1879, one of her classmates being ex-Governor George Pardee. After spending several years in travel and study in Europe, she returned to Alameda county and on August 1, 1888, established a school for girls, now known as the Anne Head School. She started with thirty day pupils but later received both boarding and day pupils, and the school made steady and substantial progress under her direction until 1909, when she sold the institution to Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, who is still its principal. She started the school with high ideals relative to the training of girls, and adhered to them closely, so that the school soon gained a reputation second to no other school of its kind in this part of the country, a prestige which the institution still enjoys, having more than a thousand graduates scattered throughout the various countries of the world.

Miss Head is a communicant of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal church, which she loyally supports, as she also does all other worthy causes. She is a member of the Garden Club of Alameda County, the Botanical Club of the University of California and the Cooper Club, these memberships being indicative of her interest



ANNA HEAD



in birds and flowers, of both of which she is passionately fond. For this reason she makes many summer visits to the Yosemite valley and the Feather river district, as well as the mountain districts, in search of something new in nature and in the interest of the Academy of Science. She is regarded as an authority on her favorite subjects and has written a number of interesting and valuable articles for the Bird Magazine. Miss Head has made six trips to Europe, where she has done much mountain climbing, and she has traveled through Russia, Egypt and Mexico. Out of the kindness of her heart she has assisted in the education of a number of worthy children, and her hand and purse have always been open for assistance for the needy, especially in the parish of the Good Shepherd in West Berkeley, where she organized a large sewing class of over one hundred, making clothing for them during the time of the World war. Kind and thoughtful, she never loses an opportunity to say a helpful word to those with whom she comes in contact, and her high purposes and her goodness of heart have endeared her to all who know her. She has filled a large place in her community and has long been regarded as one of its most useful residents.

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#### HERBERT L. LANDIS

For more than twenty years Herbert L. Landis has resided in San Leandro, where he is numbered among the prominent and influential citizens. As chairman of the city board of trustees, which automatically makes him the head of the city government, he has shown a progressive spirit that has enabled him to effect needed public improvements and at the same time reduce the tax rate, a program which has been generally commended by his fellow citizens. Mr. Landis was born in Shelbyville, Bedford county, Tennessee, on the 24th of February, 1884, and is a son of Solon and Fannie E. (Dunaway) Landis, who were born and reared in Shelbyville. Mr. Landis is a nephew of ex-Congressman Abbott L. Landis, of Nashville, Tennessee, an attorney and insurance actuary, still prominent in his city. Mr. Landis traces his ancestral line back through several centuries to Switzerland, in which country, at Heutzel, still stands the old home erected in 1488. The family was of French Norman stock and some of its members were soldiers under William the Conqueror and some were among those who exacted the Magna Charta from King John at Runnymede. Solon Landis followed farming in Tennessee until 1889, when he moved with his family to the San Joaquin valley, California, settling near Hanford.

In that locality Herbert L. Landis was reared and attended the public schools. Among his forbears were many who excelled as manufacturers, bankers, lawyers and accountants, and he therefore inherited a natural aptitude for figures and accountancy. He became a bookkeeper for a business firm in San Francisco and devoted his evenings to the study of accounting and law. Eventually he passed the bar examination and was admitted to the practice of law in 1917. In that year he opened an office in San Francisco and is now located at 369 Pine street, where he has competent office assistants and has built up a large clientele. He has been more than ordinarily successful in practice and has appeared a number of times

before the United States board of tax appeals at Washington, D. C. In that capacity he has won a number of cases for his clients, recovering in one case more than seventy-five thousand dollars. Since 1906 Mr. Landis has been a resident of San Leandro and, on January 1, 1927, opened an office here, in the Thomas building, and now divides his time between the two offices.

In 1907, in San Leandro, Mr. Landis was united in marriage to Miss Anna Larsen, who was born in this city and is a daughter of George and Dorothea (Andersen) Larsen, both of whom are natives of Denmark. Mr. Larsen was for thirty years a foreman for the Best Manufacturing Company in San Leandro, prior to which time he had run a wagon and carriage shop here. He is a man of high character and is one of San Leandro's most highly honored pioneer citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Landis have three children, namely: Avis Margaret, who is a junior in Mills College; Herbert Lavoy, who is a senior in the high school at Haywood; and George L., who graduated from the San Leandro public schools and is now a student in Heald's Business College, San Francisco. Mrs. Landis is the organist in the Presbyterian church, having also for twelve years been an active Sunday school teacher. Mr. Landis, though a busy man professionally, has given a due share of his time and attention to the public affairs of his home city and has been influential in advancing its interests. In 1926 he was elected chairman of the city board of trustees, which position is equivalent to that of mayor, and he is rendering splendid service to his constituency. He is a strong advocate of the extension and improvement of the streets, in which line much work has been done, and at the same time, contrary to the usual procedure in municipal affairs, the board has effected a decrease in city expenses, so that in 1926 it was able to make a reduction of twenty cents in the tax rate, while in 1927 the reduction was four cents. Prior to becoming a member of the board of trustees, Mr. Landis was on the board of education, in which position he rendered appreciated service in the interest of the schools. During all of the years of his residence here he has stood consistently for progress and advancement in community life and has been one of San Leandro's most enterprising citizens. He is a Consistory Mason and Mystic Shriner, at Oakland. Mr. Landis is essentially a self-made man, having forged his way to success through his own indomitable efforts and no citizen of San Leandro commands to a greater degree the confidence and regard of the people, who recognize his professional and business ability and his worth as a man and citizen.

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#### CHARLES A. BEARDSLEY

Charles A. Beardsley, member of the law firm of Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley, was born in Pennsylvania on the 14th of January, 1882, a son of Ezra S. and Mary (Fleming) Beardsley. He received his early education in the public schools of his native state and in 1892, when ten years of age, accompanied his parents to California, where he completed his public school course, graduating from the Campbell high school in 1901. Later he entered Leland Stanford University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1906, after which he attended the law school of his alma mater, from which he received the degree



of Juris Doctor in 1908. He was admitted to practice by the first appellate court of California in January, 1907, and on June 1 of the following year he entered upon the active practice of his profession, becoming associated with Fitzgerald & Abbott, of Oakland, under the firm name Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley, in 1913. In January, 1911, Mr. Beardsley was made a deputy city attorney, and later became assistant city attorney, in which capacity he handled a large amount of waterfront litigation for the city. He has been active in bar association work, having been vice president of the California Bar Association and now a member of the board of governors of the State Bar of California.

On July 9, 1911, Mr. Beardsley was united in marriage to Miss Agnes I. Lafferty. He is a staunch republican in politics, and is a member of the Claremont Country Club and of the Athens Athletic Club.

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### C. A. RINDERSPACHER

One of the leading farmers and most highly respected citizens of the Mount Eden district of Alameda county is C. A. Rinderspacher, who owns a well improved and productive ranch, in the operation of which he is meeting with very gratifying success. He was born in this county, August 7, 1875, and is a son of Lorenz F. and Paulina (Kaufman) Rinderspacher, both of whom were born in Baden, Germany. Lorenz F. Rinderspacher who was born in 1839, attended the public schools near his home, remaining with his parents until fourteen years of age, when he started out in life on his own account. Emigrating to the United States, he landed in New Orleans in 1855, in which city he remained for a time, working at any employment he could find until he had saved enough money to pay his way to California. He arrived in this state in 1857, and after spending some time in the mines settled at San Leandro, Alameda county, where he obtained employment as a farm hand. He was efficient and faithful and eventually became foreman on the ranch of Mr. Mulford, the place later known as the Bay Shore Acres Company. Mr. Rinderspacher gave such satisfactory service that he remained with them continuously until he retired from active labor and resigned his position. Thereafter he devoted his attention to money lending and exchange, in which he met with a very notable success, as there were no banks here at that time, and he filled a real need in the community. In 1872 Mr. Rinderspacher returned to Germany and was married to Miss Paulina Kaufman, whom he brought to his American home, and on the return voyage they experienced some very rough weather. They lived on the Mulford ranch until 1878 and then made their home in San Leandro during the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1910 and the mother in 1922. To them was born one child, C. A., of this review.

C. A. Rinderspacher received his educational training in the San Leandro public schools and Hopkins Academy, which previous to that time was known as McClure's Academy. He was employed in office work from 1894 to 1900, when he entered the employ of the Suburban Light & Power Company, now the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, being employed in the meter department for a while and later

as office assistant to Mr. Jeffries, of San Leandro, secretary of the company at that time. In 1905 Mr. Rinderspacher resigned his position. In 1900 he had bought a two hundred acre ranch near Hayward, which he rented until 1912, in which year he took up the active operation of the place. His land is all under cultivation and is devoted to truck gardening, alternated with crops of hay and grain. The ranch is well improved, having a fine set of farm buildings, beautiful shade trees and modern conveniences, so that it is an ideal country home.

In 1904 Mr. Rinderspacher was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Gleason, who was born and reared in San Leandro and is a daughter of Dennis and Mary Ann (Gannon) Gleason, the former of whom was born in New York state and the latter in Ireland. Her father was one of the first blacksmiths in San Leandro, having come to California in 1856 and Alameda county in 1860. He was prominent in republican politics and was a man of fine character, highly respected throughout the community. Mrs. Rinderspacher's family was one of the oldest in this section. At one time her mother conducted a private school in San Leandro, and among her pupils were many who became quite prominent. Mrs. Rinderspacher is a graduate of the San Jose Normal school, and she taught school in San Leandro and San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Rinderspacher are the parents of a daughter, Irene Charlotte, a graduate of the State Normal School.

Mr. Rinderspacher is a republican in his political views and has always maintained a deep interest in matters affecting the welfare and prosperity of his community. He is a member of the advisory board of Bank of Italy, Hayward branch. He and his wife have witnessed the wonderful development which has marked this section of the state and have taken a justifiable pride in the fact that for three-quarters of a century their families have had an active part in the work of progress and advancement. A man of splendid personal qualities and agreeable manner, Mr. Rinderspacher is deservedly popular and has many warm friends throughout his section of the county.

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### OLIVER W. FLETTER

There is perhaps no line of business which offers so broad a field for effective and highly developed salesmanship as does the field of insurance, and it is along this line that Oliver W. Fletter is directing his labors and proving a potent factor in instructing others as to the best and most resultant methods of insurance salesmanship. His record is one of notable achievement, for his analysis has brought him intimate knowledge of every phase of the business and how to combine and direct forces as to bring about the most desired results.

California may be proud to number him among her native sons. His birth occurred in Alameda, October 23, 1887, and he attended the public schools of the East Bay city, while later he pursued his advanced education in the University of California, in which he pursued a mining engineering course. He left school, however, before reaching graduation, accepting a position as office boy with Parrott & Company. Although he yearned for work on the regular sales force, his youth prevented this for a time but at last, in response to his continued requests, the

manager consented to let him try his hand with some ancient stock that had been stored in the basement for years and was considered practically worthless. This was the opportunity long sought. With unquenchable enthusiasm, industry and determination he turned to the work and in a short time disposed of the goods. From that time forward he passed through the various departments of the company until he had reached the position of manager. In 1913, however, he left the bonding house to engage in the general contracting business and followed that line for two years, during which period he also served as president of the Alameda County Builders Exchange and placed that organization on a firm basis. However, he returned to the San Francisco importing and exporting firm of Parrott & Company, with which he remained for several years, proving his ability in the splendid results which attended his labors.

While thus engaged Mr. Fletter made the acquaintance of Joseph H. Gray, then general agent for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company and now field supervisor in southern California for the Central Life Insurance Company of Iowa. Through the advice of Mr. Gray, Mr. Fletter resigned his executive position to sign an agent's contract with the New England Mutual. With the thoroughness and adaptability and marvelously keen insight into business situations which he has always displayed, Mr. Fletter immediately improved material for his own use for soliciting business insurance, adopting a plan of making his approach through personal letters. This system of solicitation he has found unusually satisfactory. At the last sales congress held by the Northern Association of California Life Underwriters, Mr. Fletter caused a sensation—decidedly commendatory—with his address on partnership business. When he entered the insurance field, having perviously been a commercial executive, it was natural that he turned toward the sale of business insurance, and with the passing years he has so formulated his plans and developed his business processes that he today enjoys the distinction of being one of the leading authorities on business partnership insurance in San Francisco. He has attained splendid results in selling this form of coverage as well as personal life insurance, and there is in his business make-up a quality which is often lacking—that of being able to tell others how to do it. This characteristic undoubtedly led to his appointment as field supervisor for the Northern California agency of the Aetna Life Company. He may well be called a "born salesman." Tact, courtesy and adaptability combine with his thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the work at hand and he seems to possess an almost intuitive knowledge of how to approach a prospect, while his usefulness as a factor in the world's work is also due in considerable measure to his ability to instruct others in an important field.

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#### EDWARD KIMBERLIN TAYLOR

Edward Kimberlin Taylor, who has had a very successful career as a lawyer in Alameda county, is also recognized as one of Alameda's leading citizens, having long been active and influential in civic affairs and contributing by his individual efforts to the advancement of the community.

Mr. Taylor was born in Elmira, New York, on the 2nd of August, 1860, and in young manhood accompanied his family on their removal to Alameda county. Here he attended the public schools and Heald's Business College, after which he entered the College of the Pacific, from which he was graduated in 1881. He attended the Hastings Law School, a department of the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1886. He was admitted to the bar on August 2, 1885, and has practiced law continuously in Alameda since that time, a period of forty-two years. He has enjoyed a large and representative practice in the courts of this county and has secured a reputation as an able, sagacious and resourceful lawyer, loyal to the interests of his clients and determined in the prosecution of any cause entrusted to him. He served fourteen years as city attorney of Alameda, safeguarding the legal interests of the city in an able and satisfactory manner.

Mr. Taylor was elected to represent Alameda county in the state senate, in which he served on a number of important committees. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity in which he has attained the rank of a Knight Templar; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a past exalted ruler; the Kiwanis Club, of which he was the first president; and has been an active supporter of the Boy Scouts. He is a past president of the Alameda Health Center; vice president of the Oakland Baby Hospital, is a strong supporter and chairman of the Red Cross; a director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and was president of the board of charter freeholders. He is a committee director and attorney for the American Trust Company Bank of Alameda. He rendered effective service as mayor of Alameda and ever since becoming identified with this city has shown a commendable interest in its welfare and progress. Mr. Taylor's hobbies are hunting and traveling. He has toured a number of foreign countries and has been in a majority of the states of the Union. He is an inveterate reader of both classical and current literature and is a constant student, civil engineering being one of his favorite studies. Personally, he is a man of kindly and generous impulses, cordial and friendly in manner, and throughout the city and county in which he lives he has a host of warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### ELY WELDING PLAYTER

Among the men of courage, strength and enterprise to whom Oakland owes its prosperity and greatness none filled a more important part in the life of the city than Ely Welding Playter, who was a true type of the California pioneer, and although many years have elapsed since his death, his memory is still fresh in the hearts of those who knew him.

A native of Canada, he was born October 6, 1819, in the city of Toronto and was a son of Ely and Sophia (Beaman) Playter. He traced his lineage in England to the year 1400. In the War of the Roses one of his ancestors fought under the banner of the Yorkists and in recognition of his valor was given the Sotterly estate. Captain George Playter, the grandfather of Ely W. Playter, was a member of the Canadian parliament and a distinguished representative of the family. As

a young man he was midshipman on a vessel which touched at American ports. Deciding to establish his home in the new world he retired from the navy and resided in Philadelphia, where he married and lived for some time. Later he moved to Toronto, Canada.

The father of our subject was born in New Jersey, but moved to Toronto, Canada, where Ely W. Playter was born. When the latter was a small boy the family crossed the International Bridge into Niagara county, New York, and it was there that he acquired his early education in the rural schools of that locality. Later he attended Lima Academy and after his graduation taught school for a time. He also assisted his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm. In 1852 he began the study of law in Buffalo, New York, but in the same year a friend offered him a ticket to California and he made the trip to the Pacific coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama and had no desire to return to the east. For a time he engaged in mining in the Golden state but abandoned that occupation, which proved detrimental to his health, and in 1860 embarked in business in San Francisco. He was admitted to a partnership in the hardware firm of Conroy & O'Connor, the store being now conducted by Messrs. Dunham, Carrigan & Company. About 1865 Mr. Playter moved his family to Oakland but retained his connection with mercantile affairs of San Francisco and became a prominent figure in the hardware trade of that city. He was also a director of the Oakland Bank of Savings. He was a sagacious, farsighted business man and prosperity attended his efforts.

In 1860 Mr. Playter had married Miss Sarah Matilda Neville, who was a native of Ireland and during her youth resided for some time in the state of New York. They are survived by two children: Miss Charlotte S. Playter, of Piedmont; and Grace, the wife of Murrey L. Johnson, also residents of that city.

A man of broad vision, Mr. Playter had great faith in Oakland's future and aided in the development of the city along many lines. In 1885 he was elected mayor of Oakland and ably filled that office for two terms. He was also a member of the board of public works commission for four years and a member of the board of education from 1871 to 1874. His duties were discharged with the conscientiousness and thoroughness which characterized the transaction of his business affairs and his service was uniformly commended. For some time Mr. Playter was a director on the board of associated charities and also a director of the Young Men's Christian Association for a number of years. Honor was the keystone of his character, and his death, on January 9, 1893, deprived Oakland of a valuable citizen and an honored pioneer.

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#### REV. P. E. DOYLE

Rev. P. E. Doyle, pastor of St. Margaret's Roman Catholic church, at Emerson and Excelsior streets, in Oakland, has achieved splendid results and has gained a high reputation in church circles, not only as an able preacher, but also for his executive ability. Father Doyle was born in county Wicklow, Ireland, on the 17th of March, 1882, and secured his preliminary education in the national schools

of that country. He attended the Patrician Brothers College, at Carlow, St. Mary's College and St. Patrick's College, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood in 1908. In that same year he came to Oakland as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church, and later served as assistant pastor of several other large churches in this state, including Our Lady of Mercy church at Richmond. In 1923 he came to Oakland and erected St. Margaret's church and so effective has he been in building up this congregation, which now numbers about two hundred families, that he is now making preparations for the erection of a new church edifice, which will be necessary in order to properly take care of the rapidly increasing membership. Father Doyle is a forceful and able preacher, is a faithful and helpful pastor, and in the management of the business affairs of the parish has proven a man of sound judgment and discrimination. He is a man of broad sympathies and lends his efforts and influence to the advancement of all measures for the moral and civic betterment of the community, while his kindly and courteous manner has won for him a host of loyal friends.

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#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is situated by the side of Lake Merritt, is one of the active and influential Catholic churches of Oakland and is doing a splendid work in that section of the city. The parish was established December 9, 1921, and on the 28th of the same month the present property was purchased from Mrs. Maude Baker, at a cost of nearly thirty-seven thousand dollars. The lot has a frontage of two hundred and twenty-one feet on Lakeshore, with a depth varying from ninety-three to two hundred and twenty-five feet. In November, 1922, ground was broken for the combination school, convent and hall, of which George E. McCrea was the architect, and the first mass was held in the building December 24, 1923. The school, in which instruction is given in the grammar grades, consists of eight rooms, which were first occupied for school purposes on August 18, 1924, at which time there was an enrollment of one hundred and nine, while the present enrollment is two hundred and fifty. There have been fifty-three graduates. The school plant consists of the eight classrooms, auditorium, library, music room, office and cafeteria. The teachers, six in number, are Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary. A convent of seventeen rooms adjoining the school will eventually supply the Sisters with a commodious residence, but is at present occupied by the clergy of the parish, the lack of a parochial residence being a source of inconvenience to all the work of the parish. The parish now comprises four hundred families, including many of Oakland's most prominent citizens, among whom are Attorneys P. A. Fontaine, John McDonald, R. M. Fitzgerald and John Tolan, Drs. J. R. Tearn and Devine, County Assessor L. J. Kennedy, Attorney Frank Coakley and other prominent business and professional men.

The present pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes is Rev. Bartholomew Kevany, who was born in county Roscommon, Ireland. He secured his classical education in Summer Hill College, at Sligo, Ireland, and pursued his theological studies in St. Bernard's Séminary, at Rochester, New York, in which he was ordained to the



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priesthood by Bishop McQuaid in 1907. Immediately thereafter he came to California and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church in San Francisco, after which he served in the same capacity at St. Rafael's church, at San Rafael, and while there also served as chaplain at the state prison at San Quentin. He afterwards served as assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul's church in San Francisco and as assistant at St. Edward's church in that city. His first regular pastorate was at Half Moon Bay, San Mateo county, from which church he came to Our Lady of Lourdes. Here he has labored unselfishly and earnestly for the best interests of the parish, in which he has been rewarded with splendid results, and the parish is making steady and substantial progress.

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### MORRIS C. JAMES

For a third of a century Morris C. James has been identified with the educational affairs of Berkeley and as superintendent of the city schools is rendering a type of service that has been eminently satisfactory to the people of the community. Mr. James was born in Morganfield, Kentucky, November 10, 1867, and received his elementary education in private schools there. He attended Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, two years, after which he was associated for a time with his father in the banking business in Morganfield. He taught in the country schools of Union county, Kentucky, and then entered Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1892. In that year he came to California and taught for two years in the schools of San Bernardino, while in 1895 he came to Berkeley as vice-principal of the high school. Later he became principal of that school, was later made deputy superintendent of the city schools, and eventually became superintendent. After serving in that capacity some years, he resigned, but so insistent was the demand for his services that he was again appointed superintendent and is still serving in that capacity.

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### CARL H. ABBOTT

In the front rank of the strong and successful law firms of Alameda county stands Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley, of which Carl H. Abbott is a member. He has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the Bay cities for a third of a century, during which period he has commanded recognition for his learning, ability and success, being regarded as one of the leading members of the Oakland bar.

Mr. Abbott was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 4th of August, 1867, and is a son of Granville Sharp and Susan (Davis) Abbott. In 1877 the family came to Oakland, where he completed his public school education, graduating from high school. He attended Brown University, at Providence, Rhode Island, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1888, after which he entered Hastings Law School in San Francisco, from which he received the

degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1891. He was admitted to the bar that year and four years later entered into a law partnership with R. M. Fitzgerald, under the firm name of Fitzgerald & Abbott. Later they went to San Francisco and became members of the firm of Campbell, Fitzgerald, Abbott & Fowler, which relation was continued until October, 1905, when the partnership was dissolved and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Abbott again became partners. They remained in San Francisco until April, 1906, when they returned to Oakland, and in 1913 admitted Charles A. Beardsley to the firm, the name of which then became Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley. This has proven a very successful combination and the firm has been identified as counsel with many of the most important cases tried in the courts of the Bay district.

Mr. Abbott is a democrat in his political alignment and has taken a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Athenian Club and is extremely popular among his associates. All measures concerning the welfare and advancement of his community receive his hearty support, and he is regarded as one of Oakland's most public-spirited and substantial citizens.

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### THE CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.

The most remarkable and distinctive industrial concern in Alameda county is the Caterpillar Tractor Co., the executive offices of which are at San Leandro, with factories at San Leandro and Stockton, California, and Peoria, Illinois. This great enterprise, which is known throughout the civilized world, is the outcome of the consolidation of two companies, the C. L. Best Tractor Co. and the Holt Manufacturing Company, both of which had become extensive manufacturers of tractors, which were becoming increasingly popular on farms, in the timber country, in road making and wherever heavy loads were to be pulled. However, particularly on the Pacific coast, in sandy and heavy loam soil and during the rainy season, the ordinary tractor often failed to function, for it would either not take hold or else become mired so as to be practically useless. To meet these conditions, various changes and improvements were made in the tractors, including the use of wheels of unusual width, an extreme example of which was one tractor built by The Holt Manufacturing Company in 1898, which had wheels about eight feet in diameter and eighteen feet in width on each side of the tractor, which was undoubtedly the largest and most powerful pulling engine ever built; but the fact that the total weight was increased proportionately detracted from its practical use. To Benjamin Holt, head of The Holt Manufacturing Company, came an inspiration in 1900, while he was seeking a solution of this problem. He built a pair of tracks, or "platform wheels," as they were then called, and installed them on one of the steam tractors. This was a crude device, the shafts, sprockets and other parts being practically picked out of old materials around the plant. This new type of tractor worked so well that it encouraged him to build another one, and thus the modern "Caterpillar Tractor" had its inception. It derived its name from a peculiar circumstance. In 1901 a group of plant executives and engineers stood watching the operation of the new, strange-looking machine, and a photog-

rapner strode up and asked for instructions. "Shoot that," he was ordered. "Humph!" he mumbled, "That's no tractor—looks like a caterpillar." A few days later he was asked for the negative, which he had not catalogued by number, and handed the executive the film, across the envelope of which was labeled the name, "Caterpillar." The name stuck and became the registered trademark name of this track-type machine.

Neither Benjamin Holt nor his associates at that time realized the far-reaching importance of the new idea which they had put into tangible form, regarding it as only a special-purpose tractor for abnormal conditions. But a few years' experience with them demonstrated their entire practicability for general purposes. This fact was emphasized by an experience near Stockton where one of the forty horse-power standard steam tractors mounted on "Caterpillar" tracks was used to pull the load formerly hauled by one of their large sixty horse-power round-wheel steamers. To their amazement they found that the little tractor not only pulled with ease the load of the large tractor, which consisted of three heavy gangs of plows, but it was able also to pull a fourth gang of plows, and pull all four gangs at a two-inch greater depth in the same field and under the same conditions. This experience was the first realization of the superior efficiency of the track over a round-wheel type. It was proved that with the "Caterpillar" Tractor the resistance to travel was practically constant on account of the weight being carried on tracks, which distributed it over a large area of ground, as compared with a round-wheel tractor in which the power required to propel it varies according to the character of the soil over which it is operating. Gasoline-driven "Caterpillars" were first put in use in 1905. After two years of development on the soft delta lands of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers of California, they did their first heavy industrial work when a fleet was used in hauling heavy materials across the Mojave desert and up roadless mountain sides for the Los Angeles aqueduct. In a few years the world at large began to realize that the "Caterpillar" Tractor was really a practical piece of machinery for a wide range of uses and its growth in popularity during the subsequent years is a matter of history.

In those days there was keen rivalry in the development of the tractor between the two great pioneers in that line of manufacture, Benjamin Holt, of Stockton, and Daniel Best, of San Leandro, and shortly following the development of the "Caterpillar", C. L. Best, son of Daniel Best, began the development and manufacture of gasoline-driven "track-laying" tractors at San Leandro. Both concerns enjoyed a measurable degree of prosperity, selling all the tractors they could produce, and in 1925 the two companies were consolidated under the name of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., with its subsidiary, the Western Harvester Company, of Stockton.

The World war gave the "Caterpillar" Tractor its introduction to the whole globe and the story of its use in that great conflict is an interesting one, and is probably not generally known. About two years prior to the war the German government and Austro-Hungarian landowners had become large purchasers of "Caterpillar" Tractors, and had them in pretty general use throughout the empire. It was later revealed that these tractors, in their pre-war agricultural work, were operated by soldier drivers detailed by the military authorities for that purpose. Subsequently, during the great German drive through Belgium, heavy artillery

was kept steadily behind the infantry in the tremendous sweep forward, a movement of guns unbelievable by the allies. The Germans advanced until they were pounding at the gates of Paris, and then came the counter drive, and the world was startled by a discovery. A "Caterpillar" Tractor had been abandoned and the remarkable advance of the German artillery was explained, as was also the heavy buying by Germany of the tractors prior to the war. Gen. Earnest Swinton, of England, has stated that this tractor, which he saw, was the basis upon which the English developed the design for the world-renowned tanks, which later played so conspicuous a part in the attacks of the allies. One of the largest tractors built by the Holt company had been purchased by Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary for use on one of his estates, and was boxed and resting on the docks at New York when the war broke out. An order came from England for a trial tractor and representatives of the Holt company broke open the box, painted out the Austro-Hungarian colors, repainted it with a neutral color, and shipped the same tractor to the English government, which wished to submit it to field tests preparatory to placing with the firm an order for continuous production. "Caterpillar" Tractors solved the problem of the transportation of heavy guns and ammunition over the soft ground, and up steep hills where no roads existed, across shell holes and through timber, while the giant tanks, which were the outgrowth of the "Caterpillar" Tractor, became literally irresistible as engines of destruction.

Since the war, continued improvements have been made in the "Caterpillar" Tractor, and it may be noted in this connection that over four thousand fewer parts are now used in its construction than were used in the war-time tractor. The United States War Department keeps in close and continuous contact with the development and production of the "Caterpillar" Tractor, an officer of the ordinance department, experienced in tractor and tank work, being stationed in the factory at San Leandro.

Today the "Caterpillar" is built from the best materials obtainable for each particular part, considering the use to which it is put. Each part subject to wear or unusual strain is then given the most thorough and scientific heat treatment, and subjected to the most exacting tests known to the automotive industry. This is done because the tractor has to endure much greater abuses than almost any other piece of machinery of its kind in use, being loaded to practically full load at all times, working under the most adverse conditions as to dirt, sand and grit, and being operated continuously.

The use of the "Caterpillar" in its application to modern life is almost unlimited. Naturally, it was quickly taken up in agricultural work, where its superiority was evidenced by its popularity, but in industry it has made its greatest progress. In road building and grading, as well as many other road operations; in the transportation of logs in the timber sections of the country; in the oil fields, in levee construction, townsite and subdivision developments and railroad construction; for moving houses and transporting heavy machinery; around steel plants and foundries—in fact, in almost every line of industry the "Caterpillar" has been found to be almost indispensable, and its usefulness will be still further enhanced through the development of tools to be operated with, and controlled by, power taken off the tractor. The Caterpillar Tractor Co. maintains a special department in charge of a research engineer handling this line of work.

The Best plant of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., at San Leandro, occupies ten

acres of land, of which five and a half acres are under one roof, fully equipped for the manufacture of two thousand five hundred tractors a year. The other plants of the company are the two which belonged to the Holt company, one at Stockton, California, and the other at Peoria, Illinois. The plant at Stockton occupies twenty-one acres, of which twelve acres are under one roof, equipped to produce combined harvesting machines and to manufacture spare parts for "Caterpillar" Tractors. At Peoria the plant occupies forty acres, with fourteen acres under one roof, equipped for the manufacture of five thousand tractors per year. Some idea of the financial strength of this great corporation may be gained from the fact that the last annual statement showed that the stated capital, capital surplus and earned surplus amounted to over twenty-two and a half million dollars.

The official roster of the Caterpillar Tractor Company is as follows: Directors, C. L. Best, chairman; M. M. Baker, A. L. Chickering, H. H. Fair, R. C. Force, B. C. Heacock, P. E. Holt, George L. Bell, C. Parker Holt, J. A. McGregor and O. L. Starr. Executive committee, C. L. Best, H. H. Fair and R. C. Force. Executive officers: C. L. Best, chairman of the board; R. C. Force, president; B. C. Heacock, first vice president; P. E. Holt, vice president; J. V. Munro, vice president in charge of purchases; O. L. Starr vice president in charge of manufacture; G. L. Bell, second vice president in charge of sales, and secretary; M. M. Baker, vice president in charge of eastern sales; I. E. Jones, vice president in charge of western sales; C. Parker Holt, vice president in charge of export sales; H. P. Mee, vice president and treasurer; H. B. McKinley, J. T. Rye, A. H. Cumming, P. J. Lojo and E. A. McAllister, assistant treasurers; E. Bornstein, comptroller. The executive offices of the company are at San Leandro, with sales offices at San Leandro and Peoria, while a branch office is maintained in New York City and a distributing warehouse at Albany, New York. The progressive policy of the company has been demonstrated when, due to lowered costs resulting from increased volume of sales and efficiency in its manufacturing operations, the board of directors has on several occasions authorized substantial reductions in the selling prices of "Caterpillar" Tractors of all models. These reductions were made in keeping with the fixed policy of the company to build ever better "Caterpillar" Tractors and sell them at lowest possible prices to a steadily increasing number of satisfied users. The growth and development of this great industry has been of immeasurable benefit to Alameda county, giving employment to many expert workmen, whose payroll contributes in large measure to the prosperity of the community, and with each "Caterpillar" Tractor has gone the name of San Leandro, so that the people of the community have just reason for pride in this institution.

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### F. E. HEATH

One of the most remarkable business successes in the history of Alameda county is recorded in the career of F. E. Heath, who, from a modest beginning, has developed a large creamery business and has become the owner of several of the finest and most valuable dairy ranches in this section of the state, his

success having come as the legitimate result of his determined and persistent efforts, backed by sound judgment and good management. Mr. Heath was born on a dairy farm in Shiawassee county, Michigan, on the 28th of January, 1866, and received his education in the public schools of his home neighborhood. In June, 1888, he arrived in San Francisco, with a total cash capital of seven dollars and fifty cents. He got a job as gripman on a cable car on the Market street railway, at which he worked for three months, after which he went to Seattle, Washington, where he was employed as a street car conductor until 1895. He then returned to San Francisco and for five years was conductor on the Market street line. This line of work did not satisfy him and on April 1, 1900, he bought a small dairy in Alameda, for which he paid six hundred and seventy-five dollars. On June 1st, of that year, he paid three hundred dollars for a second dairy, and soon afterwards leased a tract of land near Mills College, on which he placed twenty-one milk cows. From that time he has gradually added to his dairy interests, buying the Jersey Farms dairy, the Highland Farm dairy and the Durham Farm dairy, owning at one time six dairy plants, some of which he has sold. On April 1, 1906, he bought the Berkeley Farm Creamery, on Alliston way, Berkeley, which at that time was a small and unpretentious plant, but from it he has developed a large, well equipped creamery plant, regarded as one of the finest in the entire west, and which in 1927 did a gross business of two and three quarter million dollars. On his dairy farms he has seven hundred milk cows and the daily output of the creamery is eight thousand gallons of milk. In June, 1907, Mr. Heath bought a tract of land at Pleasanton, which he developed into one of the best dairy ranches in Alameda county, and also has two other fine ranches, one at Mowry Station and one at Newark. Mr. Heath has worked hard for the success which has so bountifully crowned his labors and he commands the unqualified respect of all who are familiar with his operations, for he has been honorable in all of his dealings and has proven well worthy of public confidence. He is the first vice president of the First National Bank of Oakland and was president of the College National Bank of Berkeley until it was sold to the American Trust Company. Mr. Heath has been tireless and energetic in business, has shown a progressive spirit in all of his operations and stands today as one of Alameda county's solid, substantial and influential citizens.

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#### ALFRED J. LACOSTE

Alfred J. Lacoste, vice president and manager of the Bayle, Lacoste & Company, of Emeryville, is one of Alameda county's wide-awake, enterprising and successful business men, and his record has gained for him a high place in public esteem. He was born in San Francisco, California, on the 25th of November, 1890, and is a son of John and Marie (Dupuy) Lacoste, the former of whom is a native of France, while the mother was born in San Francisco, of French parentage. Her mother came around Cape Horn from France and was one hundred and seventy-five days on the voyage. Her father crossed the plains to California in 1849 and was one of the first settlers of Grass Valley, where Mr. Dupuy engaged

in gold mining and also conducted the only hotel and boarding house there at that time. John Lacoste came to California in 1876 and ten years later founded the present business of Bayle, Lacoste & Company. Beginning in a small way, the business has steadily grown and prospered under his wise management until today he has three plants, the main plant and office being in San Francisco, where he has personal charge, and at San Jose and Emeryville. He is engaged in the manufacture of fertilizers, tallow and meat scraps, the fertilizer being mainly shipped to southern California, but the company's business extends to practically all parts of the state. One hundred and thirty-five workmen are employed in the various plants, and the business is enjoying a steady and substantial growth. The family also owns the Golden West Meat & Packing Company, which deals in dressed lambs, calves and hogs, and of this business, which is located at Emeryville, Alfred J. Lacoste has active charge.

Alfred J. Lacoste was reared in San Francisco to the age of seven years, when the family moved to the east side of the bay, and he secured his early education in the public and high schools of Oakland. He also took a commercial course in a business college. Since leaving school he has been associated with his father in business, and has been vice president and manager of the company's interests at Emeryville for seventeen years, having shown himself a capable business man and good executive.

In his political views Mr. Lacoste is a staunch republican and has taken an active interest in the affairs of his community. He is now serving his second term as a member of the city council and his third term as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Elks Club No. 171, B. P. O. E., of Oakland and a past exalted ruler and a member of the building committee. He is also a member of Piedmont Parlor, N. S. G. W.; the Athens Athletic Club; the Emeryville Industries Association; the Oakland Chamber of Commerce; and the Lafayette Club. A man of sterling qualities of character, sound business sense, energetic in manner, and cordial and friendly in his social relations, he holds a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, who regard him as one of Emeryville's solid and dependable men.

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#### CLARENCE L. TRAVER

Clarence L. Traver, of Alameda, has become widely known in business circles because of his active and successful operations, as a real estate dealer and general insurance agent, and he is also closely identified with a number of Alameda's important business and civic organizations. He was born in Alameda on the 2nd of January, 1880, and is a son of George W. and Emma S. Traver. His father, who was born in Troy, New York, was descended from old Dutch stock, his great-grandparents having emigrated from Holland to this country in an early day, settling in New York state. On the maternal side Mr. Traver is of the fifth generation from a French ancestor who settled in this country, members of the family located in Kentucky, and Covington, that state his mother was born.

Mr. Traver attended the public schools of Tacoma, Washington, to which city



the family moved when he was three years old, and later he entered Vashon College, in Washington, which he attended for two years, being compelled to leave school because of the death of his father in 1897. He remained in Tacoma until November, 1900, when he went to San Francisco and entered the employ of the Pacific Telegraph & Telephone Company. In 1905 he removed to Alameda, where he has since lived. He remained in the employ of the Pacific Telegraph & Telephone Company until the spring of 1917, when he resigned and entered the real estate business. He has been more than ordinarily successful in his private affairs, conducting not only a general real estate and insurance business, but also active as a home builder, having erected about one hundred and fifty houses in this locality and thus contributing in large measure to its growth and development. He has acquired a large amount of property in Alameda, and is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Alameda Community Hotel, of which he is vice president and a director; is a director of the Income Properties Company of Oakland, of the Commercial National Bank of Alameda, and of the California Development Association.

On November 8, 1900, in Tacoma, Washington, Mr. Traver was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Mason, who was born November 4, 1881, in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a daughter of S. H. and Lucy (Robinson) Mason, the former of whom was a native of England and is now deceased, while the later, who was born in Kentucky and is of French descent, now resides in Redwood City, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Traver have been born two children, Clarence S. and Emma Mae, both of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Traver is a staunch republican, and he has been active in local public affairs. In January, 1926, he was appointed a member of the Alameda city council, serving until April, 1927. He is a director of the Alameda County Tuberculosis Association and of the Alameda County Chapter of the American Red Cross Society. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is serving his third successive term as president of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist church and is generous in his support of all benevolent and charitable causes. He is a man of outstanding business qualities; has been loyal to the best interests of his community and is regarded as one of Alameda's most progressive and public-spirited citizens.

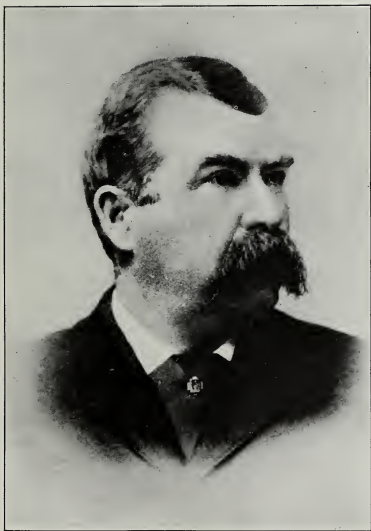
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### FREEBORN JACOB FLETTER

In taking up the history of those who on life's journey made an indelible impress upon the annals of Alameda county it is imperative that mention should be made of Freeborn Jacob Fletter, who was connected with many phases of public life and acquitted himself at all times in a manner that gave him an outstanding position among his fellows and brought to him the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

He was born in Spencerville, Indiana, December 13, 1847, and was only fifty-one years of age when he passed away January 12, 1899, his death occurring suddenly. He had acquired his education in the public schools of his native city





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and at fifteen years of age had enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Indiana Regiment for service in the Civil war, remaining with his command throughout the period of hostilities and being mustered out at Marietta, Georgia, on his eighteenth birthday. He then returned to Indiana, where for a time he was engaged in various commercial pursuits but subsequently removed to Kansas, where he turned his attention to the cattle business. He was also a railroad man for some years, serving in the capacity of engineer and later of conductor on a road over the plains when the turbulent cowboys made the position a dangerous one. Many are the interesting incidents which have been told concerning his experience in the railway service. W. W. Haskell, one of his old-time friends, said "I have known Mr. Fletter since 1867. At that time he was a conductor on a passenger and mixed train on what was known as the 'old Smoky Hill road' across Kansas through the Smoky Hill valley to Denver. His train was known as the 'Prairie Flyer.' That was during the period of trouble with the Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians. His baggage car presented the appearance of a small arsenal and his train hands knew how to shoot. They often had to stand off Indians in order to get through to the end of the run. The old chief, Satana, rode many times with Mr. Fletter on his train and many times tried to ditch the train and scalp the whole outfit . . . Mr. Fletter was loved and respected by everyone in that wild country and during his years there he handled the worst lot of cowboys and trainmen known in those days. I well remember one picnic he had with a car load of these cowboys. About fifty of them had rounded up at Hayes City, which at that time contained more cut-throats than any other town on the plains. They had just enough firewater to make them feel good. When Fletter came into the car and called out 'tickets' he meant business. He collected fare from every one of them. They undertook to run the train, but he told them to wait until the next town was passed. Instead of a town he was making for a large sidetrack. He told the rear brakeman to set the rear brakes of the last car lightly and to stand by the coupling pin, as he had already told the engineer that he wanted to kick the last car onto the Y and leave it there. He did so about ten o'clock and the car was left standing there with the thermometer at about one hundred and ten degrees and no shade within a hundred miles. He always had a six shooter projecting from each hip pocket when collecting fares."

The same courageous spirit and loyalty to duty characterized Mr. Fletter throughout his entire life. In 1879 he came to California and turned his attention to the manufacture of powder, becoming interested in the Vulcan Powder Works, of which he was superintendent for some years. Later he was connected with the Western Acid Works and also became half owner in the California Cap Manufacturing Company, of which he was vice president, retaining his interest in these two business enterprises until his death. During all the years of his residence in California he likewise had large holdings in mining properties in Placer, Tuolumne and Siskiyou counties. In 1883 he became a resident of Alameda, where he continued to make his home until his death.

In 1895 Mr. Fletter was elected a member of the board of city trustees of Alameda and was appointed a member of its finance committee. He ranked with the most influential members of the board and labored untiringly for the public good, endorsing every project which he deemed of benefit to the community. In

1894 he was made chairman of the republican county central committee and was reelected to that position in 1896. His opinions carried weight in the councils of his party, for all knew that he was seeking the best interests of community, state and nation.

To Mr. Fletter and his wife Augusta were born three sons: Charles F., Oliver W. and Wallace. The second son, who is now district agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company for northern California, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Fletter was a member of Oak Lodge, No. 215, F. & A. M.; Alameda Chapter, No. 70, R. A. M.; and Carita Chapter of the Eastern Star. He always proudly wore the little bronze button which proclaimed his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic, his membership being in George H. Thomas Post. For many years he served as a member of the board of trustees of the First Congregational church and at all times he was keenly and helpfully interested in everything that had to do with the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of his community. At the time of his death he was acting as administrator for the Rambo estate and to his family he left an estate valued at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. At his passing the flags on the city hall, the public schools and the business blocks of Alameda were at halfmast, showing how highly he was honored in the city of his residence. His generosity was one of his marked characteristics, although he was ever most unostentatious in his acts of benevolence. The young men particularly found in him a staunch friend who counseled them wisely and did everything in his power to aid them to make a creditable name and place for themselves in the world. His life was far-reaching in its beneficial results and the sterling worth of his character constitutes an example that any might profitably follow. His contribution to the development of every community in which he lived was of great value, for he always utilized his time, his talents and his opportunities not for his own benefit but for the good of those with whom he was associated.

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### CHARLES WILLIAM HEYER

Charles W. Hoyer, of Hayward, has long been prominent in the business and political affairs of Alameda county, and as chairman of the board of county supervisors has rendered distinctive public service, because of which he commands the unqualified confidence of his fellowmen. He was born at Alvarado, Alameda county, on the 22d of April, 1866, a son of Julius and Caroline (Ubhoff) Hoyer. The father was born in Malso, Germany, from which locality he came to the United States in young manhood. In 1857 he came to California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and soon afterward engaged in the brewery business in Hayward, which he continued until his death in 1873. To him and his wife were born three sons: William, Charles W. and Julius. After the father's death the mother became the wife of Leo Palmtag, who also was engaged in the brewing business in Hayward, and they became the parents of two children: Flora, who is now the wife of Vincent Strovel, engaged in the meat business in Hayward; and Lena, who lives at home.

Charles W. Heyer spent his boyhood years at Alvarado and Hayward, attending the grade schools at the latter place, and at the age of sixteen years began his connection with the brewery business. He continued in that line alone until 1889, when he formed a partnership with Leo Palmtag and they continued together until 1905, when Mr. Palmtag retired from active participation in the business, which was then incorporated as the Palmtag & Heyer Brewing and Malting Company, of which Mr. Heyer was manager. In June, 1910, the business was consolidated with several large Oakland breweries, forming the Golden West Brewing Company, of which Mr. Heyer became president, and he was also manager of the Hayward plant, operated as a branch of the Golden West until the national prohibition law went into effect, when it was closed. He has been very successful in his business affairs and is the owner of considerable valuable property in Hayward.

Mr. Heyer has always maintained a deep and effective interest in everything affecting the welfare and prosperity of his town or county. In 1914 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, on which he has served continuously to the present time and is now chairman of the board. He served for fourteen years as a member of the board of trustees of Hayward, and was for sixteen years mayor of the city, serving four terms of four years each. He gives his political support to the republican party and has been influential in public affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Foresters of America. He has been a constant and effective booster for Hayward and is regarded as one of its leading men of affairs, having a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

As an evidence of his standing and popularity, the following complimentary reference to him appeared in a local paper recently: "Two Alameda county celebrities, Miss Helen Wills, the tennis champion, and Supervisor Charles W. Heyer, have been honored by Dr. Luther Michael, San Leandro's dahlia king. Newly created prize winning dahlias have been named after these two prominent Alameda county citizens. Dr. Michael stated that he felt that both of the persons he recognized by naming his choice dahlias after had brought fame to the county of Alameda. . . . Due to the personal interest of Supervisor Charles W. Heyer, the San Leandro dahlia show sponsored by Dr. Michael has been made possible. Mr. Heyer was also instrumental in establishing the Alameda county dahlia plot in Idylwild park, at Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with Mayor E. E. Roberts, of that city. Both of the newly named dahlias are registered with the American Dahlia Society."

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#### WILLIAM W. SMITH

William W. Smith, who owns and conducts one of Berkeley's most distinctive business concerns—the West Coast Antique Furniture and Upholstering Works, which is the oldest establishment in its line in this city and has enjoyed a splendid reputation as an honorable and reliable house. Mr. Smith was born on

a farm on the prairies of Gage county, Nebraska, May 15, 1873, and was there reared. He walked to the nearest school, two and a half miles from his home, but later attended the schools at Blue Springs, Nebraska. That section of the country in those days was wild and mostly unsettled, and the pioneer farmers passed through some trying experiences in their efforts to make a living. Corn, which grew abundantly, was worth only six cents a bushel, and practically no market for it even at that price, so that it was used quite generally for fuel. Mr. Smith remained at home for several years, but, seeing no future for him there, decided to learn a trade. He first worked as a moulder in an iron foundry but later learned the upholstering trade in Topeka, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and for the past thirty years has been recognized as an expert in that line. He came to Berkeley, California, and in 1909 established a business at 1516 Milvia street, where he remained until 1923, when he moved to his present location at 2120 Dwight way. For many years he devoted the major part of his attention to collecting and selling antique furniture, but as that has become scarce he is now devoting more time and effort to the regular upholstering business, in which he is meeting with very gratifying success. He does much work in restoring old furniture, including hand carving when needed, and in this has proven a genuine artist, his love for good furniture leading him to give his best efforts for the sake of results. Many of the best homes in Berkeley and Piedmont contain valuable old pieces sold by him, including a Louis IV chair, now in the University of California, and another chair said to be four hundred and fifty-two years old. He has a genuine interest in this line of work and his judgment and experience make him dependable as an adviser in everything relating to furniture.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Hart, a native of Kansas, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They are the parents of three children, namely: William J., George Edward, and Rhea, the wife of Frank B. Lacy. Mr. Smith is a man of good business ability, straightforward in all of his dealings, and during his business life here has commanded the unqualified confidence and respect of the people of his city.

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### ELMER E. JOHNSON

Twenty-one years of continuous service as a justice of the peace stands in substantial evidence of the high character and ability of Elmer E. Johnson, of Alameda, and no resident of the community is held in higher esteem. He was born in Northampton township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1863, and is a son of Charles and Maria (Watson) Johnson, also natives of the old Keystone state. The father was of Scottish descent and the mother of English extraction. Elmer E. Johnson secured his education in the public schools of his native state and remained there until 1884, when he came to California, of which state he has been a resident continuously since. During the first twenty-three years here he was identified with various business concerns and in 1907 was elected justice of the peace of Alameda township, Alameda county. So eminently satisfactory was his discharge of the duties of the office that he has been repeatedly elected to

succeed himself and has thus served to the present time. He was admitted to the bar of this state and is a practicing attorney, with a large and important clientele. He is a man of keen discrimination, vigorous mentality and a high sense of justice, his decisions being marked by a degree of fairness that has gained for him the respect of all who have been connected with his court.

On November 24, 1887, at Rutherford, California, Mr. Johnson, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Florence Montgomery, a native of South Carolina, and to them were born three sons, two of whom are deceased, the survivor being C. M. Johnson, who is a consulting, designing and constructing engineer in the oil industry at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Johnson has always been a staunch, old-line republican and has shown a commendable interest in public affairs. During the World war he served as a member of the draft board, as a Four-minute man and in other war-time activities. He is a Mason, in which fraternity he has been signally honored, being a past master of the blue lodge, a past high priest of the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a past eminent commander of the commandery of Knights Templar and a past worthy patron of the chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Faithful and loyal to every responsibility of life, he has been a useful citizen of his community, supporting every movement for its advancement and progress, and is well worthy of the high place which he holds in public confidence and regard.

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### HARRY W. JONES

Harry W. Jones has gained recognition as one of the able and successful educators of the East Bay district, his service as superintendent of schools and principal of the high school of Piedmont having been of a character that has stamped him as a man of high educational ideals and splendid executive ability. Mr. Jones was born in Gilman, Marshall county, Iowa, on the 5th of December, 1888, and secured his elementary education in the public schools of that city. He entered Cornell College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and subsequently took post-graduate work at the Chicago University and the University of California, for which he received the degree of Master of Arts. He became principal of the high school at Shenandoah, Iowa, in 1909, serving there two years, after which he was for three years principal of the high school at Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1913 he accepted the principalship of the high school at Walla Walla, Washington, where he remained until 1921, when he came to Piedmont as superintendent of the city schools and principal of the high school. The educational system here comprises three elementary schools, one junior high school and the high school. The schools have made great progress under his supervision, both as to methods and attendance, some idea of the latter being gained from the statement that the high school attendance has grown from three hundred and eighty-three in 1921 to eleven hundred and six in 1928. He is sincerely devoted to his life work, for which he is in every respect well qualified, and his efforts since coming to Piedmont have been duly recognized and appreciated by the people of the community.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Grace Backus, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, and is a graduate of Cornell University, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen Louise. Mr. Jones is a member of Piedmont Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M.; Walla Walla Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Walla Walla Commandery, No. 5, K. T.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland; Gilman Lodge, No. 318, I. O. O. F., and Walla Walla Lodge, No. 5, B. P. O. E.

Mr. Jones has shown a commendable interest in everything relating to the welfare and advancement of his community, cooperating in all measures for the public good, and his sterling character and cordial and unaffected manner have gained for him an enviable place in public esteem.

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### THE ANNA HEAD SCHOOL

Among the famous educational institutions of the west, one of the best known is the Anna Head School, at Berkeley, which for over forty years has been in the front rank of schools of its class and has proven well worthy of the thoughtful attention of those who desire to secure for their daughters thorough training under ideal conditions. Miss Heads' School, as it was originally known, was founded in 1887 by Miss Anna Head, and continued under her management and ownership until 1909, when she sold the school to Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, who had been at the head of the English department for two years. In 1919 the name was changed to Anna Head School. Miss Head, who is no longer in any way connected with the school, still resides in Berkeley, secure in the respect and admiration of all who know her. The school still stands, as it stood during the twenty-two years of Miss Head's principalship, for earnest, honest work and all that tends towards cultured, upright womanhood. The school is situated in Berkeley, which has long been recognized as the educational center of California. As the Greek theater, the Stadium and Wheeler hall are within easy walking distance, it is possible for the girls to hear and see the best athletic, dramatic and musical programs at California University. The trip to San Francisco takes only forty-five minutes, so that the advantages of a metropolis are also available.

The course of study includes primary, intermediate, high school and two years of post-graduate work. Students enter without examinations all colleges using the accrediting system and those preparing for eastern colleges have without exception passed the college board examinations.

The discipline of the school is founded upon the principal's earnest desire to develop character. To this end, arbitrary rules and regulations are avoided, and an effort is made to meet the conditions and the temptations which will be encountered in life after leaving school. Punctuality, orderliness, and consideration for the comfort of others are insisted upon. Student government has been introduced, both in the day school and in the boarding department. Student activities form the basis for a division of the students into groups, each group governing its own body and sending representatives to the school council, the highest court of student appeal. Many valuable lessons are learned by experience, both by the governing body and by those who are governed by their schoolmates. Simplicity



of dress is insisted upon at all times, which obviously avoids what might be unpleasant comparisons and cultivates a spirit of democracy.

The girls of the Anna Head School are given every opportunity to develop their initiative and to form a habit of employing their free hours to advantage. As previously suggested, each group manages its own affairs, and thus the "Nods and Becks" group plans finances and publishes the school annual. In order to secure the necessary funds for this project, they give a subscription dance at the school during the fall term and an afternoon bridge party in the spring. During recent years they have been so successful in managing their finances that the 1923 group presented the school with a beautiful copper and silver tablet, on which is engraved each year the name of the senior who excels in scholarship and service. Last year the "Nods and Becks" group presented the school with a beautiful grandfather's clock for the hall. The Social Service group attracts all girls who are interested in any form of service for others. The Hospitality group preside at all school entertainments and games. The hockey matches come in the fall, basketball holds sway during the winter months and tennis matches keep up the athletic interest in the spring. Throughout the year, however, the school's own tennis court is in constant use for lessons and games, and every Monday afternoon the eight best players of the year are coached at the courts of the Berkeley Tennis Club. Miss Helen Wills, national and Olympic champion, is a graduate of Anna Head School, as is also Miss Helen Jacobs, national junior champion in 1924. "Good Sportsmanship" is the school motto in all athletic contests.

From a small beginning, this school has steadily grown until now it has an enrollment of three hundred girls and a faculty of thirty-four teachers and housemothers. Over eight hundred girls have graduated from this school, and of these, nearly five hundred have entered college. Many of them have done conspicuous work in various avenues of usefulness, in business, art and music, while others have become better wives and mothers because of the training and influence of the Anna Head School.

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### JOSEPH B. KAHN

Joseph B. Kahn has in a very definite way earned the respect of the people of Alameda for the capable and efficient service which he has rendered to the municipality as superintendent of its electric service, including the fire and police alarm systems. For twenty-three years he has been at the head of the electric department and has taken a justifiable pride in the effective functioning of every branch of the service under his charge.

Mr. Kahn was born in San Francisco, California, on the 29th of July, 1861, and in the public schools of that city he received his educational training. He learned the trade of a machinist and engineer and in 1885 went to work for the California Electric Light Company, which was then in its infancy. With a vision of the future possibilities of the use of electricity, Mr. Kahn made an intensive study of it and soon gained recognition as an efficient electrician. He became first assistant engineer of the Mills building prior to the great fire in that city, and

later went to the Utica mine, in Calaveras county, where he served as electrical foreman in the power plant. From there he went to the Crocker Sugar Factory, at Crocketts, Contra Costa county, where he was employed as first assistant engineer. In 1904 Mr. Kahn was appointed superintendent of the electric light plant in Alameda and has filled that position to the present time. He has had charge of the street lighting system, as well as of the police and fire alarm systems, and under his able direction the department has functioned in a manner that has gained for him much favorable comment. Alameda has a splendid electric plant and system, consisting of a main plant and three sub-stations, and the public service is equal to that of any city in the state. Mr. Kahn has shown himself highly qualified for the responsible place which he so capably fills and is regarded as one of the city's most efficient employees.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Scottish Rite branch of the order; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Alameda. A man of quiet and unostentatious manner, he is, nevertheless, forceful and energetic and his accomplishments since coming to Alameda have gained for him an enviable place in the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### HERMAN RITTIGSTEIN

One of the outstanding figures in the material development of the Bay district is Herman Rittigstein, of Oakland, whose operations in real estate have been of a character and magnitude which have immeasurably contributed to the progress and prosperity of the city. Mr. Rittigstein was born in Stockton, California, on the 8th of March, 1886, and he is a son of Adolf and Anne (Ruble) Rittigstein, both of whom were natives of Austria, the former born in 1837 and the latter in 1860. The father was one of the pioneer merchants of Oakland, having conducted a retail hardware and paint business here for over forty years, commencing about 1880.

Herman Rittigstein received his early education in the public schools of Oakland, to which city the family had moved in 1891, and was graduated from high school in 1904. In September, 1905, he entered the University of California, but, having as a boy spent much time about his father's store, where he gained considerable business experience, within a year after entering the university active commercial life attracted him and on February 13, 1906, he laid aside his textbooks and yielded to the lure of the boom mining camps of Nevada. He spent a year there, during which period he engaged successfully in various business enterprises, and on his return to California he decided to acquire a legal training. To this end, in September, 1907, he entered the law school of Leland Stanford University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910.

Immediately after graduation, Mr. Rittigstein returned to Oakland and entered the real estate business. From the very start he made a profound study of and concentrated his activities on Oakland's central business properties and has been



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very successful in this special field of operation. He soon became generally recognized in Oakland as the outstanding authority on the leasing and development of business property and has maintained this position of leadership for over fifteen years. By reason of the fact that he has located more big business concerns and caused the erection of more new buildings in Oakland than any other person during that period, his efforts and judgment have exercised a tremendous influence on the growth and development of the business district of this city. His latest and greatest achievement came in March, 1927, when he not only personally negotiated the thirty-million-dollar merger of the H. C. Capwell Department Store in Oakland with the Emporium Department Store of San Francisco, but also sold the merged institutions two blocks of ground at Twentieth and Broadway streets, Oakland, for many millions of dollars. This entire transaction was the largest of its kind ever negotiated in the west and the great new H. C. Capwell Department Store, at Twentieth and Broadway, one of the largest and finest in America, stands as a monument to his genius for real estate development. In 1915 Mr. Rittigstein formed a partnership with F. Bruce Maiden, under the firm name of Maiden, Rittigstein & Company, engaged in a general real estate and insurance business, specializing in business property sales, leasing and management. The firm maintains leadership in its field in Oakland.

Mr. Rittigstein is a member of the Masonic order, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Athens Athletic Club, the Berkeley Country Club and the Stanford Alumni Association. He is a Jew in his religious faith and gives his political support to the republican party. At the age of nine years Mr. Rittigstein evidenced considerable talent for pen and ink drawing and cartooning, in which he indulged to some extent for several years, but eventually gave up the prospects of an art career to study law. At Leland Stanford he was best known for the success he achieved in the management of various college activities. Whatever success has rewarded his life work has been the result of diligent application, a keen understanding of human nature and a vigorous, colorful personality. Because of his outstanding accomplishments, his sterling integrity, his fine public spirit and his genial and courteous manner, he commands the unequivocal confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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### WILLIAM HENRY PARKER

One of Oakland's leading business men and prominent officials is William H. Parker, who conducts a successful real estate and insurance business, and is also rendering able service as city commissioner. He was born in Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, on the 22nd of June, 1884, a son of William Henry and Fannie (Jones) Parker. The father, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, July 18, 1845, is descended from English ancestors who came to America shortly after the arrival of the "Mayflower," and among whose posterity was numbered President Garfield. The mother was born in Dallas county, Iowa, March 2, 1851, and was also of English descent.

William H. Parker received his educational training in the public schools

of Oregon, in which state he resided until 1900, and has since lived in Oakland. After leaving school he learned the trade of a harness and saddle maker, at which he worked for thirteen years, and then spent ten years in the cleaning and dyeing business. In 1923 Mr. Parker embarked in the general real estate and insurance business, to which he devoted his attention closely until January 3, 1928, when he was appointed undersheriff of Alameda county. He filled that position until July 1, 1928, when he assumed the office of commissioner of the city of Oakland, and was elected vice president of the city council, for a while acting as mayor of Oakland.

On March 8, 1914, in the Protestant Episcopal church in Oakland, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Anna Harley, who was born in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, September 12, 1887, and was educated in the public schools of Ontario and Ladies' College at Ottawa. She is a member of the Women's City Club, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, being an officer in the two last named organizations. She is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Grant) Harley, both of whom were born in Cornwall, Canada. Her paternal grandparents were natives of England, and her grandfather, Samuel Harley, was a general in the Canadian army. Her maternal grandparents were born in Scotland, and her mother was a relative of General U. S. Grant.

In his political views Mr. Parker is a republican and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, in which he is watchman of shepherds; the Sciots, in which he has passed through the chairs; the Woodmen of the World, in which he has held all of the offices; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose; and he also belongs to the Service Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Sciots Club and the High Twelve. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has had considerable military experience, having served for seven years in the Fifth Regiment California National Guard, in which he attained the rank of first sergeant. He is greatly interested in all outdoor sports, being particularly fond of golfing, boating, fishing, hunting and horseback riding. He is a man of sterling qualities of character, sound judgment in practical affairs, open hearted and straightforward in manner, and cordial and unaffected in his social relations, so that throughout this city he commands not only public confidence but also the sincere regard of all who have come in contact with him.

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### OLIVER ELLSWORTH

Among Alameda county's best known citizens stands Oliver Ellsworth, who for nearly forty years has been engaged in the practice of law, maintaining an office in the Mills Building of San Francisco, where he commands a large clientele. He is also rendering splendid service as mayor of Piedmont and is regarded as one of the best citizens of the East Bay district. Mr. Ellsworth, who is a direct descendant of Oliver Ellsworth, chief justice of the United States supreme court from 1796 to 1800, was born at Mission San Jose, Alameda county, April 7, 1867,

and is a son of Henry T. and Harriet (Bryant) Ellsworth, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Massachusetts. His father came to California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, in 1851, and located at Mission San Jose, where he became engaged in farming, in which he prospered, becoming the owner of six thousand acres of land. In 1881 the family moved to Niles, where the father continued his farming operations and the old ranch there is still in the possession of the family.

Oliver Ellsworth attended the grammar schools and graduated from the high school at Oakland, after which he entered the University of California, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1888. He prepared for a professional career in the Hastings Law College, of San Francisco, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and at once opened an office in that city. After the earthquake and fire of 1906 Mr. Ellsworth moved his law offices to Oakland, where he remained until 1909 and has been a prominent figure in the legal circles of San Francisco as well as this county, being regarded as one of the able and dependable attorneys of this section of the state.

Mr. Ellsworth was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Mastick, who was born in San Francisco and is a descendant of one of Alameda county's pioneer families. To this union has been born a daughter, Beatrice, who is the wife of E. A. Wilson, of San Mateo, California. After coming to Oakland Mr. Ellsworth became actively interested in local public affairs and served two terms as a member of the city council, during one term of which he was president of that body. He is the second mayor of Piedmont, in which city he lives, and has served continuously for sixteen years, during which time he has been active and influential in promoting the development and improvement of that locality, his administration being marked by a progressive spirit that has kept apace with the splendid growth of that district during recent years. Mr. Ellsworth is a member of Piedmont Lodge, No. 521, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the Mount Diablo Country Club, as well as the National State and San Francisco Bar Associations. He is also a director of the Globe Mutual Building and Loan Association of San Francisco. A man of alert mentality, wide learning, strong character and stanch integrity, he commands not only the respect of his professional colleagues, but also the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellowmen and is regarded as a distinct asset to his community.

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#### CHARLES L. BIEDENBACH

Charles L. Biedenbach, principal of the Berkeley high school, holds a distinctive place in the educational circles of California, because of his high attainments, his progressive ideas and his success as a school executive. Mr. Biedenbach was born in San Francisco, January 13, 1865, and attended the public and high schools of that city. He entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1886, after which he taught school in San Luis Obispo county for two and a half years. In 1889 he came to Oakland as principal of the Peralta school, after which

he was a teacher of the Alameda high school for one and a half years. He returned to Oakland in 1892 as a teacher in the high school, filling that position until 1901, when he came to Berkeley as principal of McKinley school, which he developed into the McKinley Junior high school. In 1912 he became principal of the Berkeley high school and has held that position continuously to the present time.

In 1887 Mr. Biedenbach was united in marriage to Miss Lulu C. Colby, whose father, A. D. Colby, was one of the pioneers of Berkeley, having in the early days operated a grain farm at what is now College and Clairmont avenues. Mr. and Mrs. Biedenbach have five children. Mr. Biedenbach is a member of Durant Lodge, No. 268, F. & A. M., at Berkeley, of which he is a past master; is a past president of the California High School Teachers' Association and the California Teachers' Association; is president of the Alameda county board of education, and since 1913 has been secretary of the State Council of the California Inter-scholastic Federation. To Mr. Biedenbach belongs the distinction of having been one of the first persons in the United States to advocate the establishment of junior high schools, which are now regarded as a very desirable feature of our educational system, and he is generally regarded as the father of the idea. A man of sincere purpose, devoted heart and soul to his profession and with a genuine interest in the mental, moral and physical development of the young, he is well worthy of the high place which he holds in the hearts of the people of this city.

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### J. H. LOWMAN

The leading undertaking establishment in Alameda is that owned and conducted by J. H. Lowman, who is recognized as one of the most capable and efficient funeral directors in this part of the state, having been in business here continuously for twenty years. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, December 29, 1882, and secured his education in the public schools of that city. At the age of twelve years he started to learn the undertaking business and was one of the first undertakers in the United States to practice embalming. For five years he had an undertaking business of his own in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until 1907, when he came to Alameda, California, and formed a partnership with James Fowler, under the firm name of Fowler & Lowman. This business proved successful and in 1913 Mr. Lowman bought his partner's interest, though the original firm name has been retained to the present time. This was the second undertaking business to be established in Alameda and Mr. Lowman has always commanded his full share of patronage in his line, owing to his up-to-date methods, the splendid equipment which he has always maintained and his thoughtful and painstaking attention to the needs and comfort of those who have required his services.

Mr. Lowman married Miss Helen M. Anderson, who was born and reared in San Francisco, and they are the parents of a daughter, June E., who is now twelve years of age. Mr. Lowman is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in all of its branches; Alameda Lodge No. 1015, B. P. O. E.; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Improved Order of Red Men; the National Union; Independent Order of Foresters; and Optimist Club, of which he was the first president. He



has shown a deep interest in the advancement and welfare of his community and was a member of the first local service board of the city. His successful business career and excellent personal qualities, as well as his kindly and courteous manner, have gained for him the genuine respect of his fellowmen and he has long been regarded as one of the representative citizens of Alameda.

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### THE BANCROFT LIBRARY

Without question, the most complete and comprehensive collection of books, manuscripts, newspapers, maps and other material bearing on the history of any particular section of this country is the Bancroft Library, of the University of California. This great collection, which involved a stupendous amount of labor and great expense, over a long period of years, was the work of Hubert Howe Bancroft, historian and historical publisher, and covers in particular the best region of the Pacific slope, from Alaska down through the Central American states, but also contains much valuable matter relating to the entire Rocky Mountain district, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas, and touching upon Louisiana under Spanish dominion, and most of the islands of the West Indies. There are, approximately, in the original collection sixty-five thousand printed books and pamphlets, over five thousand volumes of newspapers, two thousands maps, atlases and engravings and two hundred and fifty thousand manuscripts. The manuscripts cover the archives of the Spanish missions, including many of the original records, supplemented by letters and other documents; Spanish governmental and commercial affairs in North and Central America, and relative to the later Mexican régime; consular papers, originals and transcripts of diaries of early American trappers, traders, overland pioneers and gold hunters, the log books of early trading craft and valuable miscellaneous papers bearing upon every phase of life in the Rockies and on the coast; several hundred dictated narratives of California pioneers, as well as important documents bearing upon the Spanish dominion in the entire southwest. The printed books and pamphlets include the best known and most useful items printed on the subject within the scope of the collection, the documentary collection itself being authoritatively stated to be one of the best half dozen in the country; a representative collection of leading Mexican official and historical sets, and one of the best collections of early voyages extant in America. The maps, atlases and cosmographies are especially numerous, some of the maps being old and rare. The California branch of the collection of newspapers includes all of the earliest as well as the most important files, which are a most valuable source for the economic, social and political phases of history, while supplementing this is a vast collection of classified newspaper and magazine scraps, amounting to three hundred volumes and a large mass in loose form. There is much special material, bearing on American ethnology, exploration, naval and military affairs, colonization, political development, the early fruits of scientific research, the beginnings of literature and other arts, embracing, in short, the growth of culture in western North America and along the shores of the Carribean sea and the gulf of Mexico during four centuries of the civilizing process. By this

general outline it may be seen that Mr. Bancroft's collection is almost priceless, and fortunate indeed was the University of California when, in 1905, it was given the opportunity to purchase the library. On receiving the proposition relative to its purchase from Mr. Bancroft, the board of regents secured the services of Reuben G. Thwaites, superintendent of the Wisconsin Historical Library, to examine and appraise the collection. After a thorough and careful examination, he was enthusiastic in his recommendation to the University to accept the proposition, his conservative appraisal of its value being at more than twice the amount asked for it—indeed he stated that the value of the collection was equal to any sum that was available for its purchase.

Since acquiring the library, the University has constantly added to it and today the collection is estimated to be worth between one million and one and a half million dollars, much of its contents being priceless from the fact that were it destroyed it could not be replaced. At its purchase the Bancroft Library was located on Valencia street, San Francisco, but in the summer of 1906 was removed to the University, being first assigned to the top floor of California Hall. On the completion of the Charles Franklin Doë Memorial Library building, this collection was given a place on the fourth floor of this building, which is fireproof and also houses the great University of California library, which is of course general in its scope. The tremendous task of classifying, arranging, indexing and other details incident to making the great collection readily available to the students of history has been done by a corps of able and competent librarians and historians, under the general direction of Dr. Herbert Eugene Bolton, than whom none better qualified could have been selected. Herbert Ingram Priestley, professor of history in the university, is the librarian, and is ably assisted by T. T. Hill, author and historian.

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### HON. JOSEPH R. KNOWLAND

A satisfactory biographical record of Alameda county must include specific reference to the life and labors of the Hon. Joseph R. Knowland, whose career as statesman, newspaper publisher, business man and citizen has gained from him a high place among the able and distinguished men of this county.

Mr. Knowland was born at Alameda, Alameda county, on the 5th of August, 1873, and is a representative of one of the well known pioneer families of California. His father, Joseph Knowland, came to this state in an early day and became one of the prominent and successful business men of Alameda county, acquiring one of the most extensive and important lumber interests on the Pacific coast. Joseph R. Knowland attended the public schools and Hopkins Academy and completed his studies in the University of the Pacific. He was associated with his father in the lumber business and in the latter's various shipping interests.

Later he turned his attention to public affairs, for which he had a natural inclination, and showed a deep interest in community development. When twenty-five years old he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature from the forty-seventh district by a majority of fifteen hundred votes and served in the regular session of 1899 and the special session of 1900. In that body he did

effective work as chairman of the committee on commerce and navigation and in 1900 was reelected by a majority of two thousand. He was made chairman of a special committee appointed to investigate the police department of San Francisco, and as a result of the disclosures made during this investigation he introduced a bill which was enacted into a law, prohibiting Chinese girl traffic. In 1902 Mr. Knowland was elected to the state senate from the fourteenth senatorial district by a majority of twenty-eight hundred votes and served in a capable manner as chairman of the committee on banking. During his entire legislative career he was actively identified with all movements calculated to improve public morals and elevate the standard of citizenship. His consistent record in his efforts along constructive lines led, in 1904, to his nomination to fill out the unexpired term in the fifty-eighth congress of Hon. Victor H. Metcalf, who had been appointed secretary of commerce and labor. He was elected to the fifty-ninth congress by a plurality of seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-four, was later reelected to the sixtieth congress and again to the sixty-third congress. As a member of the important committee on interstate and foreign commerce he took an active interest in legislation concerning the Panama canal and led the fight on the floor of the house for free tolls for American ships engaged in the coastwise trade. He consistently supported the principle that the United States should receive the largest possible benefit from the canal and voted in favor of a provision in the Panama canal bill preventing railroads owning or controlling steamships from operating through the canal when they were competing with railroad lines in traffic. Pains-taking and exact in everything, he was not content with second-hand information on the subject and made four trips to the canal zone during the construction period, studying conditions and operating methods, and was thus able to speak with authority on everything pertaining to its building and use. Among other important legislation actively supported by him was the bill to suppress the white slave traffic, and he introduced a bill to enlarge the provisions of the existing law relating to this. In 1914 Mr. Knowland was an unsuccessful candidate for United States senator.

Mr. Knowland is identified with a number of extensive and important business enterprises, being president and a director of the Gardiner Mill Company, a director of the Kennedy Mine and Milling Company and a director of the American Trust Company. He is president of the Oakland Tribune Publishing Company, to which he devotes the major share of his attention. In its editorial policy the Tribune has stood as a bulwark of those things which are of vital importance to the public welfare.

In 1894 Mr. Knowland was united in marriage to Miss Ella Fife, who died in 1907, and they became the parents of the following children: Joseph Russell Knowland, Jr., William Fife Knowland, Mrs. Eleanor Knowland Lion and the late Miriam Knowland. In October, 1908, he married Miss Emaline Sue West in Chicago.

Mr. Knowland is a member of Oakland Grove Lodge No. 215, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Alameda Royal Arch Masons; Oakland Commandery No. 11, K. T.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Woodmen of the World; and Native Sons of the Golden West, of which he served eight years as a grand officer, being past

grand president. Early in life Mr. Knowland became interested in preserving old landmarks and other relics of the early history of the west, particularly of California, and he took a leading part in the restoration of the old missions and other structures of the pioneer period. He is now chairman of the California landmarks committee of the Native Sons.

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### C. H. ALMY

C. H. Almy, who for a number of years has rendered efficient service as superintendent of streets in Piedmont, is a man of wide and varied experience in different parts of the country, and since locating in Piedmont has won a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen due to his faithful performance of duty and his excellent personal qualities.

He was born in Berden, Kansas, on the 17th of February, 1887, and was there reared. He secured his early education in the public schools, after which he took a course in civil engineering in Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Going to Denver, Colorado, he engaged in mining and was also identified with the theatrical business for a time. From there he went to Barton, Colorado, where he was employed on a ranch, and then removed to Billings, Montana, where he engaged in the hardware business and was later with a sugar beet company at that place. Returning to Denver, Mr. Almy became a surveyor for the Denver & Northwest Pacific railroad, with which he remained until 1908, when he removed to Oakland, California and became connected with the city engineering department. Later he was with the river and harbor department of the United States government in Mexico and Arizona, being employed in surveying, and eventually he located in Oatman, Arizona, where he engaged in mining and became the superintendent of a mine. Returning to Oakland, he was with the Mono Irrigation Company, employed in cutting up a large tract of government land into farms, and on the completion of that work he became connected with the A. Kitchen Construction Company.

In 1921 Mr. Almy was appointed superintendent of streets in Piedmont and during the subsequent years he has applied himself closely to the supervision of of his department, for which he has shown himself in every respect well qualified. He has constructed many miles of streets and has maintained the streets and alleys in a very satisfactory condition. Some time ago he tore down the old reservoir in Piedmont park and in course of this operation found a well preserved copy of the San Francisco Chronicle of April 8, 1898, which contains some very interesting references to events of that period.

Mr. Almy was united in marriage to Miss Justine Nichols and they are the parents of three children, Clifford H., Robert Lloyd and Martha Jane. He is a member of the Athenian Club and the East Bay Country Club. As a diversion, he has been a collector of relics and curios and possesses a large and interesting collection, undoubtedly the best in its line in Alameda county. He has Indian relics, old guns and fishing rods, rugs made by Arizona Indians, saddle bags carried by the pony express riders of pioneer days, and also prizes a relic found

on the scene of General Custer's last stand against the Indians at Little Big Horn in 1876, which is the most famous battle of the western Indian wars. Another valuable piece which he owns is a steel engraving of the first session of the United States senate. This is one hundred and fifty years old and formerly hung in Abraham Lincoln's law office. Mr. Almy is a man of friendly and straightforward manner, gives his earnest support to everything calculated to promote the best interests of his city or county, and throughout the range of his acquaintance commands respect and confidence, while among his associates he is deservedly popular.

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### EUGENE DOLAN

Probably the most important concern in its line in northern California is the Dolan Brothers Wrecking Company, of Berkeley, dealers in new and second-hand builders' supplies, and, under the successful management of Eugene Dolan, its volume of business is steadily increasing. Mr. Dolan, familiarly known among his associates as "Gene," was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland, on the 16th of January, 1886, and is a son of John and Ann Dolan. His father came to the United States alone in the '70s but subsequently returned to Ireland, where he and his wife are still living. He was formerly a farmer and merchant, but is now retired. To him and his wife were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. Of these, one son died in Ireland, and the other three are in California, while all of the daughters remained in their native land, one being now deceased. Of the three sons in this country, Donald J. lives in San Francisco, where he took over a business which had been established by his uncle, P. A. Dolan, at 1639 Market street, but which is now at 1639 Mission street. P. J. Dolan, who is in partnership with his brother Eugene, lives in Portland, Oregon, where he has charge of the lumber yard, planing mill and sawmill, and is also interested in the Dolan Wrecking and Construction Company with his brother in San Francisco. Similar plants are also located at San Jose and Fresno.

Eugene Dolan came to California in 1909 and located in San Francisco, where, with money he brought from Ireland, he engaged in business until 1912, when he located in Oakland and began operating in his present line, having his plant at Twenty-ninth street and San Pablo avenue. By close attention and the exercise of sound judgment, he met with splendid success and in 1925 sold out there for eighty thousand dollars. He at once came to Berkeley, bought a tract of ground and erected his present building, one hundred by one hundred feet and two stories high, for which he has refused one hundred thousand dollars. Here he carries the largest stock of new and second-hand builders' supplies in the East Bay region, and does an extensive business, selling to contractors, home builders, ranchers, dairymen, poultry men and summer resorts, his sales territory extending from Bakersfield to the Oregon line and reaching into Nevada and Arizona. Piedmont and other select residential districts buy largely of his used dimension timber, as it has become well known that old and thoroughly seasoned timber is much better for building purposes than kiln-dried timber, and on this account, as well as because they thus save about fifty per cent in cost, many people of wealth are among his best cus-

tomers. Mr. Dolan also keeps on hand a large stock of new plumbing supplies, which he buys in quantity direct from the factories at jobbers' prices, and which he is thus able to sell at almost wholesale prices. He employs sixty people throughout the year and in 1927 did a cash business of three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. In addition to his large business in Berkeley, Mr. Dolan is interested with his brother in the business at Portland, and is also the owner of Dolan Acres, consisting of one hundred acres of land in Marin county, which he is subdividing, located on the state highway and but twenty-five minutes drive from San Francisco.

In 1925, in Marin county, Mr. Dolan was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Bauman, who is a native of New Jersey, and they reside in a comfortable and attractive home at 600 Prospect avenue, Oakland. Mr. Dolan gives his political support to the democratic party, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Lions Club of Oakland. He is a man of energetic and enterprising methods, is absolutely square in all of his business affairs, and all who have come in contact with him entertain for him the highest respect and confidence.

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#### ALAMEDA COUNTY TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

Time is the test which proves the worth of all institutions. Cherishing high ideals, the Alameda County Title Insurance Company of Oakland and its predecessors have served the property owners of the county continuously for a period of sixty-seven years, a record equaled by no other institution of the kind in this part of the state. The business was established in 1861 at San Leandro, then the county seat, by William Thomas Hill, who was designated as the first searcher of records. A few years later he was joined by A. G. Lawrie, and the firm of Lawrie & Hill was then formed. When Mr. Hill withdrew from the business George C. Whitney was admitted to a partnership, and in 1878 his place was taken by August Schramm. The firm of Lawrie & Schramm existed until the death of the senior partner in 1885, when Abner H. Stocker became his successor. The next change in partnership occurred in 1889, when Mr. Schramm died and his interest was purchased by Arthur P. Holland, at which time the firm became Stocker & Holland, while later the style of the Stocker & Holland Abstract Company was adopted. Mr. Stocker died in 1905, and Mr. Holland conducted the business until 1916, when it was consolidated with that of the Alameda County Abstract Company under the present form of the Alameda County Title Abstract Company.

Meanwhile Stocker & Holland had purchased at various times the plants and business of Du Ray Smith, a well known searcher of those days, also that of the Realty Title Company, of which R. H. Leckie and C. H. Thomas were the heaviest stockholders. In 1890 Louis H. Sharp, A. E. Bolton and others were the founders of the Land Title Company, which spent many thousands of dollars and created a complete abstract of Alameda county records. About 1900 the Land Title Company was merged with the newly formed Oakland Title & Abstract Company, which had acquired the various plants or portion of plants and the business of many of the independent searchers of those days, notably those of G. W.

McKeand, Gustave L. Mix & Company and Leckie & Hawkitt. By this process of purchase and merger the Oakland Title & Abstract Company became the owner of a complete abstract of the county records.

In 1878 George Wright and several associates had organized in Oakland the Alameda County Abstract Company and proceeded to construct an abstract plant upon the then most approved lines. They kept it strictly up-to-date, and no change in the personnel occurred until 1903, when the plant was purchased by John McCarthy, who controlled the business until 1916, when, as previously mentioned, it was consolidated with that of the Stocker & Holland Abstract Company. However, in 1910 the Alameda County Abstract Company had purchased the business and plant of the Oakland Title & Abstract Company, which, as has been seen, was itself a merger of six or seven others, so that in 1910 the Alameda County Abstract Company found itself in possession of two complete abstract plants, or tract indices, as they are sometimes called. The consolidation of that company with the Stocker & Holland Abstract Company in 1916 resulted in bringing together under one roof three complete abstracts of the Alameda county records. In order to secure the preservation of these extremely valuable documents the company has stored a complete abstract of the Alameda county records in fireproof vaults far removed from possible destruction by any conflagration which would endanger its down-town vaults. With the single exception of Los Angeles, in which city a similar chain of circumstances brought about like conditions, there is no other place where property owners are afforded this full protection.

The Alameda County Title Insurance building is now an imposing structure, being ten stories in height and standing at the corner of Franklin and Fourteenth streets. This ornate building houses not only the oldest but also the strongest and best equipped title company in the county. Through the service afforded by the company's vast store of records, compiled by those who in their day were acknowledged experts and critically examined from time to time as occasion required, the chance of error and of resulting loss approaches the "irreducible minimum." Absolute indemnity is insured by the capital and surplus of more than seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, all in first class assets available to policy holders, and made more certain by the fact that the company itself, its management and assets are all under the supervision of the insurance commissioner of the state of California. The prestige and success of the corporation have resulted largely from the tireless efforts, administrative power and high standards of its president, John McCarthy, who has been identified with the business for a quarter of a century, devoting the best years of his life to its upbuilding.

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### FRED FERRERO

In his special field of industry Fred Ferrero, of Alameda, has become one of the largest and best known manufacturers of building material in the Bay district, the art stone made by him having been used in many of the most important structures in this locality. Mr. Ferrero was born in Castellamonte, province of Torino, Italy, on the 28th of March, 1883, and attended school there in his early years.



When eleven years of age he began to work in cement plaster and terra cotta, at which trade he became an expert, and was thus employed in his native land until sixteen years of age, when he emigrated to the United States.

In 1900 Mr. Ferrero located in Alameda and entered the employ of Clark & Son, who operated one of the pioneer potteries in Alameda county. In 1920 he embarked in that line of manufacture on his own account and his judgment in this venture has been abundantly vindicated in the success which is now his. He has as a partner in the business his son, Romeo, the firm style being Fred Ferrero & Son, and they manufacture art stone, staff ornaments, fire places and garden supplies, their products finding ready sale throughout this section of the state. Mr. Ferrero has furnished the art stone used in the construction of some of the largest buildings in the Bay cities, including the new Elks Club and the Athens Athletic Club buildings, the Cole public school in Oakland, and several other schools, besides many apartments and fine residences in Oakland, Richmond, Piedmont and Berkeley.

Mr. Ferrero was united in marriage to Miss Lucia Vagina, also of Castellamonte, in the province of Torino, Italy, and to them have been born three children, Romeo, Aldo and Norma. Mr. Ferrero is a member of the Druids, the Foresters of America and Alameda Lodge No. 1015, B. P. O. E. He was made a citizen of the United States in 1913 and has shown a commendable interest in the public welfare. He is a man of excellent personal qualities, straightforward in all of his relations, and cordial and friendly in manner, and throughout Alameda county he is held in high regard.

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### BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER

California has been honored in the lives, character and labors of men who by their individual efforts and the force of their personalities have contributed immeasurably to the advancement and prosperity of its higher educational institutions. Of these, none more truly deserves the gratitude of the people of this state than the late Benjamin Ide Wheeler, who over a period of twenty years devoted himself untiringly to the interests of the University of California, of which he was president. A man of alert and vigorous mentality, broad and exact learning, an effective and successful teacher and possessing unusual executive ability, he came to the University of California equipped for great work, and at no time during the years of his presidency did he fail to fully measure up to the responsibilities and opportunities of his position, so that today he is held in grateful remembrance not only by those who were privileged to be associated with him, but by those who were interested in the great institution of which he was the head.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Randolph, Norfolk county, Massachusetts, July 15, 1854, a son of Rev. Benjamin and Mary Eliza (Ide) Wheeler. His father was a minister of the Baptist church and served as pastor successively at Plaistow, New Hampshire; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Randolph, Massachusetts; Haverhill, Massachusetts; Saco, Maine; and Franklin, New Hampshire. His mother was born



at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and was a daughter of Ebenezer Ide, whose family had its origin in South Attleborough, then Rehoboth.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler attended the public schools of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Saco, Maine, and at the latter place, in 1866, entered the high school, which formerly had been Thornton Academy, a name it has since resumed. On removing to Franklin, New Hampshire, in 1868, he entered Franklin Academy, which he attended a half year, and then went to New London Academy, now called Colby Academy, at New London, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in the summer of 1871. In the fall of that year he entered Brown University, and on his graduation, in 1875, had the honor of delivering the classical oration. That he was an exceptional student is evidenced by the fact that during his college course he received the Dunn premium, given for the best work of the year in the department of English, with special reference to writing and speaking, and also one of the Carpenter prizes given to the two students who in the opinion of the faculty combined in the highest degree the elements of success in life. After his graduation, Mr. Wheeler taught for four years in the Providence high school, the first two years in mathematics, the last two years in classics and mathematics. In 1879 he was appointed a tutor in Brown University to take the place, during a temporary absence of two years, of Professor Poland, assistant professor in Greek and Latin. For four years, 1881-85, Mr. Wheeler studied in German universities, a year at Leipzig, two years at Heidelberg, a half year at Jena and a half year at Berlin. In the spring of 1885, on examination at Heidelberg, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, presenting a thesis entitled "Der Eriesche Nomen Accent," which was afterwards published at Strasburg as a separate book. On returning to the United States, he was for one year, 1885-6, instructor at Harvard University, and was for thirteen years a professor at Cornell University, holding the title of acting professor of classical philology in 1886-7, that of professor of comparative philology in 1887-8, and that of professor of Greek and comparative philology from 1888 to 1899. During the year 1895-6 he was professor of Greek literature at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and in 1909-10 Roosevelt professor at the University of Berlin. In 1899 Mr. Wheeler became president of the University of California, at Berkeley, and there found an opportunity for the exercise of the notable qualities of mind and character which marked his career and stamped him as one of the most successful educators of the country.

On June 25, 1881, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Amey Webb, of Providence, Rhode Island, a daughter of Henry Aborn and Amey (Gorham) Webb, the former a banker of that city, while the latter was a daughter of Jabez Gorham, founder of the Gorham Silver Manufacturing Company. Mr. Wheeler was a member of the American Oriental Society, the American Philological Association and the Kaiserliches Archaeologisches Institut. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws from eight American universities, Princeton, 1896; Harvard, 1900; Brown, 1900; Yale, 1901; Johns Hopkins, 1902; University of Wisconsin, 1904; Dartmouth, 1905, and Columbia, 1906, and the degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Athens in Greece. He was the author of "Analogy in Language," 1887; "Introduction to the Study of the History of Language," 1890; "Dionysos and Immortality," 1899; "Organization of the Higher Education in the United

States," 1896, published in Munich; "Life of Alexander the Great," 1900, and "Instruction and Democracy in America," 1910, published in Strasburg, Germany. Mr. Wheeler's death, which occurred May 2, 1927, was regarded as a distinct loss to the educational world, for he was a man of high ideals and principles, which he maintained with the utmost fidelity, and he left the impress of his personality on everything he did. He stood consistently for those things which were ennobling and uplifting in life and every member of the student body knew that in him they had a friend, one who felt a deep personal interest in their welfare. This was probably one of the keys to his success as an executive. Personally he was kindly and affable in manner, loyal and constant in his friendships, and all who knew him held him in the highest measure of affectionate regard.

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### EDWARD JOHN CAREY

Edward J. Carey, of Emeryville, has served as marshal and chief of police for so many years that he is regarded almost as one of the fixed institutions of the municipality, for he has been capable and efficient in the discharge of duty, and loyalty to his community has been one of his most marked characteristics.

Mr. Carey was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on the 27th of November, 1873, and is a son of John and Helen (Kinney) Carey, both of whom died when he was about two years of age, therefore he knows but little regarding the history of his family. He received his educational training in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, to which city the family had moved during his babyhood, and as soon as he was old enough he was put to work, his first employment as a wage earner being as a maker of springs in a window shade factory. He had a strong liking for horses and in the course of time became a jockey, riding on the leading tracks of the country for a number of years and gaining a high reputation for his skill and success as a rider. When he became to heavy for the required weight, he turned his attention to the other end of the business and became a horse owner. Eventually he brought his string of horses to Emeryville, California, where he trained and raced them until that sport was prohibited by law, when he disposed of his stable but continued to reside here.

For the past twenty-four years Mr. Carey has served as marshal of Emeryville and is now in point of years of service the oldest town marshal in the state of California. In connection with that office, he is also serving as license and tax collector, and his faithfulness and efficiency have made him one of the most valuable officials of the municipality, a fact which is recognized and appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Carey married Miss Molly Murphy, who was born and reared in Oakland, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Murphy, the former of whom was a pioneer of this state and a highly respected citizen of the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Carey have been born four children: John J., Edward J., Jr., Philip W. and Glenora M. There is also one grandchild.

Mr. Carey maintains an independent attitude in political affairs, giving his support to the candidates who in his opinion are best qualified for public office. He

is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Athens Club, and in his social relations he is cordial and friendly and enjoys a well merited popularity among the people of the community. He has consistently supported every measure calculated to advance the public welfare, and his life here has exemplified a high type of citizenship.

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### FRANK COLTON HAVENS

Oakland, city of great resources and immense business, owes her advancement in notable measure to the efforts of Frank Colton Havens, who for many years labored untiringly to promote the city's welfare. His was indeed an eventful and interesting career, for he was a strong and forceful personality, while his unselfish work, his intelligence and energy impressed his name on Oakland's annals for all time. Men name him as a capitalist, a traction magnate, a former president of the Peoples Water Company and the founder of the Key Route ferry system. Any one of his accomplishments in the fields of business indicated would entitle him to representation with the distinguished men of California, yet he was not content with achieving his purpose along a single line. He readily recognized opportunity, and to him opportunity was ever a call to action, and thus it was that the commonwealth mourned the loss of one of her most distinguished citizens when he passed away at his beautiful home, Wildwood, in the Piedmont foothills, when seventy years of age. His birth occurred at Sag Harbor, New York, November 21, 1848, his parents being Wickham Sayre and Sarah Darling Havens. His father, who was born during the War of 1812, was a sea captain and came of a family whose male members devoted their lives to seafaring pursuits. His paternal ancestors were among the early settlers on Long island and were active in developing the whaling industry for which Sag Harbor became famous. The family was also represented on the American side in the Revolutionary war.

Familiar with the story of his forbears, who retold the tales of thrilling interest having to do with seafaring life, it was not a matter of marvel that Frank C. Havens ran away from home when a lad of sixteen years and shipped as a cabin boy on a sailing vessel which rounded the Horn and made its way to California. Like those before him, he found delight in a life on the bounding main and in the adventures which came in travel and sojourns in foreign lands. He spent two years in Honolulu and thence went to China. When in Shanghai and other coast ports he worked on various river boats which went far into the interior and there laid the broad foundation and experience upon which he later built the whole structure of his life. He was twenty-one years of age when he became a passenger on the Oriflame, the first steam-propelled vessel to make the trip across the Pacific. Thus he reached San Francisco, where soon afterward he obtained a situation in the bank of the Savings & Loan Society of Clay street. With the thoroughness that always characterized him, he acquainted himself with financial problems, won various promotions and after a period of ten years formed a partnership with Van Dyke Hubbard in the stock-brokerage business and became a member of the San Francisco Stock exchange. It was during the period that immediately followed that Mr.

Havens formulated the plan that led to the organization of the Home Benefit Life Association, the American Investment Union of New York and the Mutual Investment Union, the last named being ultimately absorbed by the realty syndicate which came into being through the organization efforts of Mr. Havens and perhaps constituted the greatest element in his life work.

His operations in the real estate field reached mammoth proportions. It was during this period that he turned his attention to the possibilities of the east side of the bay and began to acquire the property interests which constituted the foundation of his fortune. In partnership with F. M. Smith of borax fame, he acquired thousands of acres of land in and adjacent to Oakland, to which city he removed, establishing his home at Vernon heights, where he laid out and platted one of the finest rose gardens not only in California but in the entire west. He knew that in order to develop and improve the lands which he had purchased there must be supplied adequate transportation facilities and accordingly he purchased the properties of three struggling street car companies which he merged under the name of the Oakland Traction Company. Thus in 1900 he began the development of the interurban system and maintained the highest standards of service in this connection. At that period the Southern Pacific had a monopoly of the ferry boat service of the bay and he established the Key Route system of ferries, which for five years he operated at a loss and which ultimately developed into what is today the fastest and best ferry service between the mainland and San Francisco. Under Mr. Havens' management the realty syndicate accumulated thirteen thousand acres of valuable land with a sky line from Mills College to North Berkeley. On the six per cent certificates of the syndicate which were made convertible into realty holdings, the Havens interests raised some twelve million dollars which went into development work of various kinds, and today many of the most beautiful sections and the most attractive business districts of Oakland and the east bay region owe their existence to his enterprise, sagacity and broad vision. At the time of the San Francisco earthquake and fire Mr. Havens resigned from the active management of the realty syndicate to become president of the Peoples Water Company. With the division of the interests between himself and his partner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Havens took over the water company and land holdings and Mr. Smith acquired the Key Route traction interests. Today the East Bay Water Company, the successor of the Peoples Water Company, controls one of the finest water systems of the state, and its splendid foundation lay in the efforts of Mr. Havens. Two excellent hotels, the Claremont and the Key Route Inn, came into existence as the result of his enterprise. Turning his attention to the bare foothills of Oakland, at his own expense he had planted millions of trees of all varieties and maintained a forest service of over fifty men to care for them. The Sky Line boulevard, rated in Baedeker as "America's premier scenic route," was his idea and he spent a large amount of money in developing the first portion of this great boulevard along the tops of the Oakland foothills, showing Oakland the real worth of this scenic highway, which was afterward taken over by the city. In Europe Mr. Havens acquired one of the finest art collections now in America and built in Oakland a museum which he opened for the free enjoyment of the public. He regarded no investment on his part too great if it would promote Oakland's upbuilding along material, scenic and civic lines.

Mr. Havens was twice married. He wedded Miss Sadie Bell, of Virginia City, Nevada, who passed away when about thirty-three years of age, leaving four children: Wickham, now a leading realtor of Oakland; Harold, now deceased, who was prominent in realty circles of Berkeley; and Seyd and Paul, twins, the former now a resident of New York city, while the latter lives in Oakland with his wife and son, Roland. For his second wife Mr. Havens married Miss Lila Mandana Rand, who now resides in Oakland. They built "Wildwood" in the Piedmont foothills, a world famous oriental home of teakwood and fine carvings from India, China and Japan. Extensive and important as were his outside interests, Mr. Havens found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. His was indeed an eventful career, enriched with many unusual and interesting experiences, and no record among Oakland's citizens more truly embodied the romance of business than his. He took the keenest pleasure in achieving his purpose, which at all times combined the ideal with the utilitarian. To improve and develop Oakland became the purpose of his life and he took the keenest delight in adding to its beauty and to its charm. Time gives the perspective which shows the true worth of every individual and as the years pass on Oakland more and more acknowledges her indebtedness to Frank Colton Havens.

Aside from his business qualifications Mr. Havens was a lover of books, poetry and art and was the author of a book called "The Possibility of Living Two Hundred Years". He was the uncle of the much loved Californian poet, George Sterling, who married Caroline Eugenia Rand, a sister of Lila Mandana Rand. Mr. Havens was also a yachtsman and a winner of many cups. His boats carried the New York Yacht Club insignia as well as the Larchmont and other lesser clubs. Two of his boats, the "Lamascotte" and the "Avis," were well known in eastern waters. He enjoyed his summers at Stag Harbor, Long Island, where he had a beautiful home on the bay and there he spent much time in swimming, boating and fishing and in the associations of his youth. His niece, Harriette Cady, is the celebrated pianist and composer, among her well known compositions being the "Volga Boatman Song." Later her Chinese music drew much favorable comment.

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#### ARTHUR HIERONYMUS, M. D.

Dr. Arthur Hieronymus is a successful physician of Alameda county and commands a large and representative practice in Alameda, where he has resided for more than twenty-five years. He was born in Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, and there attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1890. He then entered Indiana University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. He then matriculated in the New York Medical College and Bellevue Hospital, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. For two years he served as interne in the Gouverneur Branch of Bellevue Hospital and afterward engaged in his profession in New York city until 1902. On October 30th of that year he arrived in Alameda, California. For nearly ten years he served as ship surgeon for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company between San Francisco and ports in the far east. After serving his connection with the

Pacific Mail Steamship Company he engaged in the private practice of his profession in Alameda. The Doctor has served as health officer of Alameda continuously since 1912 and has done very efficient work in the direction of conserving the health of the people of this city.

Dr. Hieronymus has been married twice; first, to Miss Nellie Wilmot of New York city, and to them were born two children: Arthur Shirmer, who is now twenty-eight years of age, and Judson Stewart, who is twenty-five. For his second wife the Doctor chose Miss Fay Templeton, of Oakland, California, and they are the parents of a son, Jack Harrison, now six years of age.

Dr. Hieronymus is a member of the following organizations: He is a Knight Templar and Thirty-second Degree Mason and a member of the prerequisite bodies for these degrees; was high priest of Alameda Chapter, R. A. M., in 1918; and master of Oakland Council, R. & S. M., in 1921; organized the Alameda Commandery, Knight Templar; is a member of Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Oakland and a charter member of Alameda Pyramid of Sciots; is a member of Alameda Lodge of Elks and the Alameda Eagles; and was president of the Alameda County Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, in 1927. He organized the Alameda Kiwanis Club and was its second president in 1924. He belongs to the Alameda County Medical Society; the California State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; and the American Public Health Association. He is deeply devoted to his life work, in which he has met with flattering success. Personally he is a man of congenial disposition and of kindly and affable manner, and commands the friendship and admiration of all who know him.

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### MARK PAGE

One of the leading home builders of Oakland is Mark Page, whose operations have been on a large scale, and he is widely recognized as one of the important factors in the improvement and development of the city, particularly in the residential sections. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, October 18, 1885, and secured a public school education. He learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked in Chicago until 1907, when he came to California, locating first in Needles, San Bernardino county, where he superintended the plastering of the Harvey eating house, at the Santa Fe Railroad station.

In December, 1908, Mr. Page came to Oakland and engaged in building operations on his own account, which business he has followed to the present time. He has specialized in building and selling residences, his first activities in that line being on the Palm tract, on College avenue. Later he erected twenty-seven houses on the Nason tract, but the greater part of his operations have been in the Seminary and Eastmont districts of East Oakland. Recently he completed eleven residences on Sixty-ninth avenue, and built and still owns a beautiful bungalow on Foothill boulevard. In December, 1927, Mr. Page bought the Masonic building, at the corner of Foothill boulevard and Mason street, in which he now has his office. That he has contributed in very definite measure to the development of his city may be inferred from the statement that since coming here he has erected six

hundred and twenty-four residences. His houses have an originality in design and are so well built that they appeal at once to prospective home buyers and Mr. Page has had no trouble in readily disposing of his houses. He is painstaking in everything he undertakes and has shown good business judgment in all of his affairs, so that he has commanded in fullest measure the confidence and respect of all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Page married Miss Hattie Jensen, a native of Michigan, and they have one daughter, Doris, who is now four years of age. Mr. Page is a member of Live Oak Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, M. R. S.; and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is deservedly popular among his associates and acquaintances, for he is a man of pleasing and friendly manner, candid and straightforward in all of his relations and has been loyal and true in all of his engagements.

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### VERNOR E. THORP

Among the leading contractors of the Bay district, Vernor E. Thorp occupies a prominent place, having been identified with building and construction work in this locality for many years, and he is regarded as absolutely trustworthy and dependable in every engagement into which he enters.

Mr. Thorp was born at Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, California, on the 13th of December, 1888, a son of J. M. and Della May (Stephenson) Thorp. The father came to this state about forty years ago and has served for many years as a superintendent of construction, having been employed on many of the largest and most important buildings in this part of the state, such as the Elks Club building in Oakland, the Oakland post office building, the T. & D. theater, the Hippodrome theater and the Roos building in that city.

Vernor E. Thorp received his education in the public schools of Alameda and then learned the carpenter's trade under his father. He later took a special course in architecture and building construction at the University of California. He worked for his father and other builders for a number of years and was made superintendent of construction, directing the erection of a number of large buildings, such as the Glacier Point Hotel and the Yosemite Lodge in the Yosemite valley; buildings for the Shell Oil Company at Martinez, this state; Hillgard hall at the University of California; and the Pantages, now Hippodrome, Theater building in Oakland. In 1921 Mr. Thorp entered the contracting business on his own account and is devoting his attention mainly to the building of fine houses, ranging in cost from nine thousand to thirty thousand dollars. Among the residences which he has erected are those of H. J. Durney and Dr. Channing Hall, and he also erected the Medical building, on Central avenue, and remodeled the St. Joseph Parish house and the Notre Dame Academy building at Alameda.

Mr. Thorp was united in marriage to Miss Clara Zeller, a native of this state, and they are the parents of four children, Estelle, Jeanette, Murial and Bonnie.

Mr. Thorp is a member of the Woodmen of the World and Oak Grove Lodge No. 215, F. & A. M.; is vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Alameda; is a



director of the Chamber of Commerce; and for ten years has served on the auxiliary board of the Boy Scouts of America, being greatly interested in work among the boys. He is a man of forceful character, active in his support of measures for the betterment of his home community, and his record as business man and private citizen has been such as has gained for him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

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### HON. WILLIAM HARRISON WASTE

In the largest and best sense of the term, Judge William H. Waste, of Berkeley, is one of the notable men of California, and as such his life record is entitled to a place in the annals of the county which is honored by his residence. As a citizen, he has shown himself public-spirited and enterprising; as a friend and neighbor, he combines the qualities of head and heart that win confidence and command respect; while, as a lawyer and jurist, he has brought honor to his profession and dignity to the public positions which he has filled with such distinctive ability, his eminent attainments and ripe judgment giving him a prestige enjoyed by few of his contemporaries. Judge Waste was born on his father's farm near Chico, Butte county, California, on the 31st of October, 1868, and is a son of John Jackson and Mary Catherine (McIntosh) Waste, the latter a native of Kentucky. His father, who was born in New York state, was numbered among the pioneers of California, to which state he came in 1851, crossing the plains on a fine, thoroughbred Kentucky horse. He acted as hunter and guide for the train with which he traveled, which was over three months on the road, and on his arrival in this state he located at Princeton, Colusa county, where he engaged in farming and stock raising for a number of years, and then moved to a fine farm near Chico, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1882. He was a man of sound judgment in practical matters, was industrious and successful, and was held in high regard throughout his community.

William H. Waste secured his preliminary education in the public schools of his home neighborhood and in Los Angeles, in which city he lived for a time, after which he entered the University of California, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, in 1891. He then entered Hastings Law School, in San Francisco, the law department of the University of California, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1894. While studying law, he was employed as a reporter on the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Oakland Tribune and Times and Berkeley papers. Soon after graduation, he was admitted to the bar and at once opened an office in Oakland, where he practiced his profession until 1905. His ability and devotion to the interests of his clients soon gained for him a large clientele. From his young manhood, Judge Waste had shown a deep interest in public affairs and has held well defined opinions on public questions. In 1902 the republican party nominated him for the assembly of the California Legislature from the fifty-second district. He was elected and so satisfactory was his service in that body that he was elected for a second term in 1904. On April 13, 1905, Governor Pardee appointed him judge of the superior court of Alameda county, and he served in that capacity continuously until 1918.



The high type of service which he rendered on the superior bench won for him statewide recognition and he was chosen presiding justice of the district court of appeals, which position he filled with ability until 1921, when he was elected a judge of the state supreme court, in which body he has served to the present time, having been chief justice since 1925. A lawyer of exalted ability, a jurist of the highest type and a man of integrity and honor, he has made a deep impress on the judicial history of his state and stands as a conspicuous member of a striking group of public men whose influence on the affairs of the commonwealth has been of a most beneficent order.

On September 16, 1896, in Oakland, Judge Waste was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Ewing, of Maxwell, California, a daughter of Archibald and Rowena (Taylor) Ewing, both of whom were natives of Virginia. To Judge and Mrs. Waste were born two children, William Ewing and Mrs. Eugenia McIntosh Ward. Mrs. Waste died December 2, 1927. Judge Waste has been a lifelong republican in his political alignment. Fraternally, he is a member of Durant Lodge, No. 268, F. & A. M., of Berkeley, of which he is a past master; Berkeley Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; Berkeley Commandery, No. 42, K. T., being a past grand commander of Knights Templar of California; the Oakland Bodies of the Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; St. Francis Conclave Order of Constantine; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Oakland; Berkeley Parlor, No. 210, N. S. G. W., and Peralta Camp, No. 123, W. O. W. He is an earnest member of the Methodist church, in the work of which he has been greatly interested, and for more than twenty-five years has served as president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Berkeley. He is a trustee of the College of the Pacific and of the Pacific School of Religion, and is a member of the California State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and is a Past President of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. There are combined in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a broad and accurate knowledge of the law and a fidelity of purpose that have commanded the respect of all who have come in contact with him and he stands as one of the representative men of the state which has been honored by his life and labors.

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### CAPTAIN DAVID WILLIAM WELDT

For many years one of the most conspicuous figures in maritime circles on the coast has been Captain David W. Weldt, who, after long and active service, is now retired and lives in Oakland. He was born at Fort Tejon, Los Angeles county, California, March 20, 1852, and is a son of William and Catherine (Malone) Weldt. The father crossed the plains to California in an early day and here spent the remaining years of his life. He fought through the Mexican war, and during the Civil war, was in the United States navy, having been on the "Kearsage" when it sank the "Alabama" in 1864. In acknowledgment of his services he received from the government his ranch at Tejon and also a pension but he afterward lost the ranch. In 1865 he settled at Wilmington, Los Angeles county, where he engaged in farming, and lived up to the time of his death, which

occurred in 1908. His wife died in 1905. His original farm is still in the possession of the family. He was an earnest and devoted member of the Roman Catholic church and built the first church of that denomination in Wilmington.

David W. Weldt was educated in the Brothers school at Los Angeles and St. Vincent's College. On completing his education he returned to the home farm, where his father put him to plowing, but after one week of that work the young man decided that it was not to his liking and he went to sea as a sailor before the mast. He made five voyages around Cape Horn, during which time he was successfully promoted until he became first mate. On one voyage the master of the ship, Captain Johnson, died and the command devolved on Mr. Weldt, who was not yet twenty years of age. Later Captain Weldt became owner and master of the ship "Rose Weldt", on which he made one voyage. He took out a cargo of coal oil from Oakland, Long Wharf, but the ship and cargo were destroyed by fire at the dock at Kobe. He then shipped as an officer on another boat and made three trips around Cape Horn, stopping at the principal ports enroute.

In 1880 Captain Weldt returned to San Pedro, California, and was appointed government pilot of the ports of San Pedro and Wilmington, under Governor George Stoneman. He served in that capacity for twenty years, after which he entered the employ of John L. Davie, now mayor of Oakland, as master of the steamer "Rosalie", which was engaged in the transportation of passengers in opposition to Southern Pacific, reducing fares from fifteen cents to five cents, which still stands. While in the employ of Hellmeyer & New, the contractors for the construction of the government breakwater at the San Pedro outer harbor, Captain Weldt towed the first shipload from Catalina Island and dumped it at the west end of the harbor. For four years he served as wharfinger under Governor Henry T. Gage, since which time he has lived in Oakland, having retired from active service, and is now enjoying a well earned leisure. He it was who discovered a rock that had existed in the harbor for years and which was afterward named on all charts as the Weldt Rock. At that time he received the following notice from the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey:

"Capt. D. W. Weldt,  
San Pedro, Los Angeles Co.,  
California.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of the 4th and have communicated the contents to the Superintendent.

I have recommended that the rock be known as the Weldt Rock.

Very respectfully,

George Davidson,  
Assistant U. S. C. & G. Survey,  
per Chas. B. Hill."

Captain Weldt was united in marriage to Miss Mollie F. Hyde, of New Jersey, who died March 22, 1927. By a former marriage he has two children: Cathaleen, and Bernice, who is the wife of Kirch Thomas and is the mother of three children.

Politically Captain Weldt is a staunch republican and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias, holding a veteran Pythian badge presented him by the Supreme Lodge twelve years ago. He is also a member of the Native Sons

of California, of which he is a past grand officer, having served as district deputy grand president under John D. Sproul, then grand president. He is a man of strong character and an attractive personality, commands the respect of all who know him and is probably as well known as any seaman in the East Bay district.

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### LESTER L. STEELE

Alameda county has just reason for pride in the character and standing of its members of the legal profession, and among those who are lending honor and dignity to their calling stands Lester L. Steele, of Oakland, who is widely recognized as an able and competent attorney and commands a large practice in the courts of this county. Mr. Steele was born in Modesto, California, on the 11th of July, 1890, and is a son of Lafayette and Lydia Catherine (Adams) Steele. The father came to California in young manhood and the mother crossed the plains in young girlhood with her parents, who traveled with oxen and covered wagons. Lafayette Steele followed the building and contracting business at Stockton and other places, but eventually located at Modesto, where he spent his remaining years, dying when his son was but three years old. The mother is now living at Oakdale, this state.

Lester L. Steele attended the public and high schools of Modesto, graduating from the latter in 1910, and then entered Leland Stanford University, in which he pursued the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1915 and at once engaged in the active practice of his profession, to which he has devoted his attention closely to the present time.

Mr. Steel was united in marriage to Miss Edna Lucile Hollingsworth, a native of Kansas, and they are the parents of three children, Mildred, Marjorie and Laverne. Mr. Steele has built and is now occupying a fine residence at 1100 Renleigh way, Piedmont.

In politics Mr. Steele is a republican and he has shown a deep interest in public affairs. He is a Mason, is past president of Oakland Parlor No. 50, Native Sons of the Golden West, and also a past governor of the East Bay County Assembly of Past Presidents of the N. S. G. W., and is a member of the Native Sons' Luncheon Club. Though a busy man professionally, he is a man of strong domestic tastes and his favorite form of recreation is gardening. Cordial and friendly in manner, he is well liked by those who know him and commands the respect of the entire community in which he lives.

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### WILLIAM WALLACE CAMPBELL

William Wallace Campbell, who unquestionably holds a place in the front rank of the educators of this country, enjoys a two-fold distinction: as one of the world's noted astronomers, and as president of the University of California. In the field of astronomy, to which he has devoted forty years of his life, his observa-

tions, lectures and writings have attracted world-wide attention, for he has made valuable contributions to the science of the stars, on which subject he is regarded as an authority. As the executive head of the University of California he has displayed an ability and a comprehensive grasp of the problems connected with college life which have enabled him to maintain the university at the high standard of efficiency for which it has always been noted, and his eminent services entitle him to representation in any work embracing the higher educational activities of this state.

Mr. Campbell was born on a farm in Hancock county, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1862, and is a son of Robert Wilson and Harriet (Welsh) Campbell, the former of Scotch descent. He secured his early education in the public schools, graduating from the Fostoria high school, and he taught in the public schools of Ohio in the year 1881-2. In 1882 he entered the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in 1886. At the end of his junior year in the university Mr. Campbell chanced upon an excellent textbook of astronomy, Newcomb's "Popular Astronomy." He found it very interesting and read it through in two days, with the result that he decided to become an astronomer. During his senior years he devoted as much time as possible to the study of mathematical astronomy, under the direction of Professor Schaeberle. A few days before graduating from the university, having found available no position in astronomy, he was appointed professor, and head of the department, of mathematics in the University of Colorado, at Boulder. Two years later, when Professor Schaeberle became an astronomer in Lick observatory, upon the opening of that institution, Mr. Campbell resigned his professorship in the University of Colorado and became Schaeberle's successor in the University of Michigan as instructor in astronomy and assistant in the observatory, where, in addition to teaching engineering astronomy, he made a specialty of comet observations and comet orbit computation. During the summer vacation of 1890 he went to the Lick observatory as a volunteer assistant, at his own expense, for the purpose of widening his astronomical experience. A few months later Astronomer Keeler of the Lick observatory was appointed director of the Allegheny observatory, at Pittsburgh, and Professor Holden secured Mr. Campbell's appointment as an astronomer in the Lick observatory in succession to Keeler, his principal duty being to take charge of the spectroscopic department. Professor Keeler became director of Lick observatory in 1898, but his lamented death occurred in August, 1900, and Astronomer Campbell was at once appointed acting director of the observatory, *ad interim*. The duty of filling the director's position devolved on President Wheeler and the Regents of the University of California. President Wheeler requested twelve leading astronomers in this country and abroad to recommend an astronomer for the position. The twelve responses were unanimously in favor of Mr. Campbell, and accordingly he was appointed in December, 1900, and his services as director of Lick observatory date from January 1, 1901. On January 4, 1923, he was elected president of the University of California, in which position he has served since July 1st of that year.

Mr. Campbell's active work in astronomy has been noteworthy, as may be gathered from the following brief outline: His early work at Lick observatory was on the spectra of new stars, variable stars, various classes of bright-line stars

and comets. Since 1896 he has engaged especially in determining motions of approach and recession of the brighter stars by means of the Mills spectograph, an instrument presented to the Lick observatory by D. O. Mills. Velocities of about two thousand stars in all parts of the northern sky have been observed at Mt. Hamilton. He organized the D. O. Mills expedition from the Lick observatory to Santiago, Chile, now known as the Chile station of the Lick observatory, University of California, to measure the motions of approach and recession of about one thousand bright stars in the southern sky not visible at Mount Hamilton, thus extending the work over the entire sky. Associated with his colleagues, especially Joseph H. Moore and R. E. Wilson, he has measured motions of approach and recession of about one hundred and twenty-three nebulae, at Mount Hamilton and at Santiago. He discovered that, of the naked-eye stars about one in four, on the average, is not the single star which it appears to be in high-power telescopes, but is a double star in which the two components are revolving around their mutual center of mass. Many hundreds of binary stars of this kind have been discovered with the Mills Spectographs at Mount Hamilton and Santiago. A study of the motions of the stars observed at Mount Hamilton and Santiago enabled him to determine that our solar system is traveling through the great stellar system at a speed of about twelve and one-half miles per second.

Mr. Campbell was in charge of seven Crocker eclipse expeditions from the Lick observatory, namely, to Jeur, India, 1898; to Thomaston, Georgia, 1900; to Alhama, Spain, 1905; to Flint island, Pacific ocean, 1908; to Kief, Russia, 1914; to Goldendale, Washington, 1918; to Wallal, Australia, 1922; and he was a member of the expedition to observe the eclipse of 1923, in Lower California, Mexico. Many contributions to our knowledge of the outer parts of the sun, and of the sun's surroundings, including the solar corona, have resulted from these expeditions.

Mr. Campbell was the Silliman lecturer at Yale University in 1909-10, delivering eight lectures on the motions of the stars; being the first American to be invited to fill this lectureship. In 1914 he was William Ellery Hale lecturer, National Academy of Sciences, on stellar evolution. In 1915 he was president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and in 1915-16 the first president of the Pacific Division of that association. From 1922 to 1925 he was president of the American Astronomical Society, and in 1922, at Rome, he was elected president of the International Astronomical Union, for the period 1922-25, in succession to Director Baillaud, of the Paris observatory, who was the first president of the union, which had been organized in Brussels three years earlier. He was Halley lecturer at Oxford University in 1925. Mr. Campbell is the author of a textbook on "Elements of Practical Astronomy," Macmillan Company, 1900; of a volume on "Stellar Motions," containing the Silliman lectures of 1910, Yale University Press and Oxford University Press, 1912; and of numerous papers published in the *Astronomical Journal*, *Astronomische Nachrichten*, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, *Astrophysical Journal*, *Bulletins of the Lick Observatory* and *Publications of the Lick Observatory*.

Mr. Campbell received the honorary degrees of Master of Science, University of Michigan, 1899; Doctor of Science, University of Western Pennsylvania, 1900, University of Michigan, 1905, University of Western Australia, 1922, Cambridge

University, 1925, and Columbia University, 1928. Doctor of Laws, University of Wisconsin, 1902. He is a member of the American Astronomical Society, Die Astronomische Gesellschaft, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Washington Academy of Science, Seismological Society of America, and many others; is a Fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science, a member of the National Academy of Sciences (United States), the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at Boston. He has also been elected to honorary membership in the following academies of sciences and similar organizations: Royal Astronomical Society, London; Royal Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden; Royal Academy of Sciences, Upsala, Sweden; Society of Italian Spectroscopists, Rome; Royal Society, London; Madrid Academy of Sciences; Royal Society of Edinburgh; Russian Astronomical Society, Moscow; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Royal Institution, London; Royal Astronomical Society, Canada; l'Institut de France (Paris Academy of Sciences), Paris; Bureau des Longitudes, Paris; Russian National Academy, Leningrad; and the Royal Italian Academy of Sciences (dei Lincei), Rome. The following medals have been awarded to Director Campbell: Lalande gold medal, Paris Academy of Sciences, 1903; gold medal of Royal Astronomical Society, London, 1906; Draper gold medal, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, 1906; Janssen gold medal, Paris Academy of Sciences, 1910, and the Bruce gold medal, Astronomical Society of the Pacific (international medal), 1915. In 1919 he was appointed by King Albert of Belgium a Commander of the Order of Leopold II, with gold insignia; and in 1927 he was awarded the Cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor, with gold insignia, from the Republic of France.

In 1892 Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ballard Thompson, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they are the parents of three sons, Wallace, Douglas and Kenneth.

Despite the honors which have been bestowed on him in deserved recognition of his attainments and achievements Mr. Campbell is modest and unaffected in manner, is kindly and generous in his relations with those about him, and he possesses the valuable faculty of getting close to the student body of the university. His fellow citizens take pride in the fact that their great university is under such competent direction, and throughout the commonwealth of California he commands the unqualified respect and confidence of the people.

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### SAM TAYLOR

The oldest merchant in Berkeley in point of years of continuous business is Sam Taylor, and no business man in the city is better known. During the thirty-seven years of his residence here he has commanded the public confidence and Taylor's Trunk Shop is one of the landmarks of Berkeley.

Mr. Taylor was born in Morpeth, Ontario, Canada, June 7, 1859, and received his education in the public schools of that locality. When seventeen years old he began learning the harnessmaker's trade in his home town, completing his appren-

ticeship in Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed for eight years in a custom harness shop. He also worked two years at his trade in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was connected with a wholesale saddlery concern.

Mr. Taylor came to California in 1888, locating first in San Francisco, where he remained until July 5, 1891, when he came to Berkeley and engaged in business for himself. He was first located at Stanford place and Addison street, where he remained eleven years, during which period his business steadily increased, so that he was compelled to seek larger quarters, and he moved to Allston way, across the street from his present location, where he remained eleven years, and then came to 2110 Allston way. He carries the largest and most complete line of leather goods in the city, his being the outstanding shop of its kind in Berkeley. He has the most up-to-date and smartest in traveling bags, fitted and plain; suitcases, patent hat boxes, handbags, vanity cases, and the modish envelope bags in all sizes and every kind of leather. He is also the exclusive dealer here for the famous Hartmann wardrobe trunks, in all sizes and styles for men and women. Because of his progressive spirit, his invariable courtesy and his honorable dealings, Mr. Taylor has proved worthy of the great popularity which his store enjoys among discriminating buyers and he enjoys a large patronage.

Mr. Taylor married Miss Alice Beighle, and they are the parents of two children, Wilson B. Taylor and Mrs. Helen Jean Munnis. For thirty-two years Mr. Taylor has been a member of the Woodmen of the World. He has been a witness of the development of Berkeley from a small town, when there were no paved streets nor sidewalks, and he recalls that when he came here the street on which he is now located was but a lane, with a creek running along one side. During these years he has shown an active interest in everything pertaining to the progress and prosperity of the city; has always been regarded as one of its substantial and dependable citizens and enterprising merchants; and he has a host of loyal personal friends.

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### LEO F. KOCHENDORFER

Among those whose individual efforts have in a very definite way advanced the general development of Alameda, Leo F. Kochendorfer is entitled to specific mention, for as a contractor and builder he has become a prominent figure in business circles of this locality. He is a native son of Alameda county and a member of one its old pioneer families. His maternal grandfather, Fred Sunkel, a native of Germany, was one of the first settlers in the town of Alameda, there having been but three houses here when he located, and for many years he conducted a successful nursery business.

Leo F. Kochendorfer attended the public schools of Alameda, graduating from high school, and later he worked as a clerk in the offices of the Southern Pacific railroad in San Francisco. Subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade in Alameda with Robert Clark and Conrad Roth, and followed that occupation as a journeyman until 1920, when he embarked in the contracting business on his own account. He has since erected many of the most important business structures and best homes in this section of the county and has gained an enviable reputation as a competent



and reliable builder. Among the contracts handled by him is the addition to the Elks Home, the Chevrolet garage building, the Konigshofer building and the Judge E. J. Silver, J. H. Callenburg and McCormick residences. He has also built and sold a large number of houses on his own account, in which business he has met with very satisfactory success. In 1926 he became one of the organizers of the Fernside Building Company, which is now engaged in the erection of seven fine residences on the Fernside tract. He is a good workman and employs none but the best, so that every job turned out by him stands the most rigid inspection, a fact in which he takes a justifiable pride.

Mr. Kochendorfer married Miss Millie Riechter, a native of Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of West Alameda Lodge No. 1015, B. P. O. E.; Alameda Aerie No. 1076, F. O. E.; Encinal Camp No. 757, W. O. W.; and Alameda Parlor, N. S. G. W. He has been a useful citizen of his community, in the welfare and progress of which he has shown a live interest, and among his fellowmen he is regarded as one of Alameda's most progressive and enterprising men.

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#### WILLIAM S. PORTER, M. D.

One of Alameda county's most distinguished citizens is Dr. William S. Porter, of Oakland, who has not only gained wide fame as a skilled and able surgeon, but is well known as an artist and art connoisseur and one of the leading factors in stimulating the esthetic life of his community. He has been more than ordinarily successful professionally and to a marked degree commands the uniform regard of his fellowmen. Dr. Porter was born in Melbourne, Australia, October 1, 1867, and is a son of Dr. Thomas and Ellen (Haynes) Porter, the former born in Belfast, Ireland, and the latter in Salisbury, England. His parents went to Australia many years ago, residing there until 1871, when they came to the United States. The father graduated in medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later came to California and practiced his profession at Colusa and Watsonville. Subsequently he became a minister of the Gospel, and devoted his efforts to that calling for a number of years, or until his retirement, when he returned to Australia, where his death occurred in 1927, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a great student of astronomy, was a member of the Astronomical Society, and did much microscopical research work, as a result of which a number of items in the British Museum at London bear his name.

William S. Porter was about four years old when brought to this country and spent his boyhood days in Colusa, Watsonville and Oakland, in which cities he received his public school education. He was graduated in the classics from the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, and then matriculated in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1895. In the following year he returned to Oakland and entered upon the active practice of his profession, specializing in surgery. For some time he was chief surgeon of the Oakland Receiving Hospital, but since then has devoted his attention largely to private practice. He is a member of the surgical staffs of the Merritt, Fabiola, Providence and Peralta Hospitals,



and commands one of the largest practices in his line in California. He has performed many exceedingly delicate and difficult operations and is generally regarded throughout the profession as possessing remarkable ability as an operating surgeon.

Though his professional work makes heavy demands on his time, Dr. Porter has managed to devote a share of his attention to art, in which his efforts have received distinctive recognition. His pen and ink sketches reveal his taste and ability as an artist and in recognition of his attainments in that line the California School of Arts conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts. In his home he has a well equipped studio, in which he spends that time which he can devote to his art work, and in his rooms of his home may be found a fine collection of art work of various descriptions, including paintings, etchings, statuary and antiques, as well as many specimens of Chinese and Japanese work. He has a large and well selected library, in which is to be found the best classical and current literature, and many of the works of Jack London, on whom the Doctor operated at one time and with whom he maintained close friendship. It was Dr. Porter who first started the movement which has made Oakland a city of art. He gave to the city a number of valuable paintings, which formed the nucleus for the fine collection which the city now owns. He also contributed a number of valuable paintings and pictures to Mills College art gallery at Berkeley. The Doctor's most recent work in the direction of public art development was as a member of the committee of five who made possible Oakland's first grand opera season in the spring of 1928. This proved a very successful venture and undoubtedly will be continued as an annual affair. In his office Dr. Porter has fine, large portraits of Lincoln, Roosevelt and other eminent men and is a great admirer of Roosevelt, "Buffalo Bill" Cody and other men of their type, being himself a lover of the great west, its history and noted characters.

Doctor Porter is a strong republican in his political views, but finds little time to indulge in public affairs, except as referred to. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Athens Club, the Claremont Country Club and the Piedmont Trail Club. He has made a number of trips abroad, visiting the principal cities and points of interest, and also studying the various surgical methods in European institutions. A man of sterling character, strong individuality and exalted purposes, he has long held a high place in the confidence and respect of the people of his community and is regarded as one of Oakland's representative men.

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#### ERNEST R. NEISS

Ernest R. Neiss has attained well deserved prominence in business and civic affairs of Alameda, and is regarded as one of its leading and influential citizens, a position which he has won through his earnest and well directed efforts along right lines. He was born in Germany on the 30th of September, 1877, and attended the public schools of that country until ten years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. They located in Syracuse, New York, where he completed his education in the public schools, and then learned the trade

of a photo engraver in the plant of the Syracuse Times. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked in various cities, being employed on the Minneapolis Journal, the Portland Oregonian, the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Chronicle, the San Francisco Bulletin and the Oakland Tribune.

Mr. Neiss gained recognition as an expert workman in his line and in 1919 he bought an interest in the Phoenix Photo Engraving Company, at 324 Thirteenth street, Oakland, with which concern he has been identified continuously since. This is the largest and best equipped establishment of the kind in the East Bay district, owning the building which it occupies, and it has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth, now commanding a large and important patronage. Mr. Neiss has given his close attention to the business and has been an important factor in its success. He has prospered in his material affairs and is a stockholder and director of the Alameda Hotel Company.

Mr. Neiss was united in marriage to Miss Laura Pollard, who was born in Stockton, Cedar county, Missouri, and is a member of a prominent old family of that locality. She is a cousin of Isaac L. Patterson, former United States senator and now governor of Oregon. To Mr. and Mrs. Neiss has been born a daughter, Helen Julia, now the wife of Charles Turner.

In his political affiliation Mr. Neiss is a staunch republican, and he has long been active in local public affairs. He was appointed to fill out an unexpired term as a member of the city council, and has since been twice elected to that office, his present term expiring in 1929. Prior to his appointment he had run for the office, and was defeated by only fifty-six votes, but at the last election he was elected over eight other candidates, receiving two-thirds of the combined vote for all the others, which fact stands in marked evidence of his popularity and the efficient manner in which he had filled the office. He has shown a genuine interest in the welfare of his city and has given his earnest support to every measure calculated to advance the community along material, civic or moral lines. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Arcanum; is a director of the Northern California Photo Engravers Association; a director of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce; and his firm is a charter member of the Oakland Rotary Club. Personally, Mr. Neiss is a man of strong character and marked individuality, cordial in his social relations and constant in his friendships, so that throughout the city he is held in the highest esteem.

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### COLONEL A. J. EDDY

Colonel A. J. Eddy, city engineer of Berkeley, has long commended distinctive recognition for his ability and attainments in his profession and in his present position is rendering a high type of service to his community. Colonel Eddy was born in Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, on the 25th of December, 1885, and is a son of Adolphus F. and Mary (Slover) Eddy. When he was about one year old the family moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where he attended the grade schools, and in 1894 they took up their residence in Ashland, Oregon, where he was graduated from high school in 1904. Going to San Francisco, California, in

that year, he entered the employ of the Union Iron Works, with which concern he remained for two years, and then entered the University of California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer in 1910, being one of the three commencement speakers of his class. He was made a professor of civil engineering in his alma mater, in which capacity he served for seven years.

In 1917, when the United States became involved in the World war, Mr. Eddy entered the officers training camp at Fort Scott, San Francisco harbor, and was there commissioned a lieutenant of heavy artillery. He saw two and a half years of active service, including six months overseas, and on receiving his honorable discharge in 1920 as major, he resumed his chair at the university for one term. Major Eddy then resigned and became structural engineer with the Standard Oil Company, in connection with the erection of the Standard Oil building in San Francisco, in which capacity he served until 1923, when he was appointed to his present position as city engineer and superintendent of streets for the city of Berkeley. In view of the rapid development of the city and the construction of many new streets, as well as the improvement and extension of old streets, his office has been in no sense a sinecure but has involved a vast amount of technical work, for which his training and experience has well qualified him.

Colonel Eddy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Stone, who was born in Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Margaret Eleanor, aged ten years; James Stone, aged eight years; and Barbara, aged four years.

The Colonel is a member of Berkeley Lodge No. 363, F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Oakland. He is a director of the Berkeley Rotary Club and a past vice president of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. He is colonel of the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Infantry Regiment of the California National Guard, and during the big fire in Berkeley in 1923 he was, as lieutenant-colonel, in command of all the state and federal troops employed here to preserve order and protect property. Colonel Eddy possesses a fine personality, being cordial and affable in manner, and during the years of his residence in Berkeley has gained a host of warm and loyal friends, while throughout the community he commands confidence and respect for his ability and splendid public service.

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#### FREEMAN & COX—ROACH & KENNEY CO.

The Freeman & Cox-Roach & Kenney Undertaking Co. is a merger of two distinct pioneer firms. The James L. McManus Co. was founded in 1888 and continued under management of James McManus, with location at Seventh and Castro streets until death of owner in 1908. P. J. Freeman, formerly of Rocklin, California, where he had engaged in the undertaking business, purchased a half interest in the McManus company a few weeks prior to sudden death of James McManus. Shortly afterward John J. Cox, who had been a resident of Oakland for years and was a member of the police department for fourteen years, purchased the interest of Mr. McManus. The business was continued at Seventh and Castro

streets until 1914, when a new building was constructed on the corner of Eighth and Brush streets, and the business then became known as Freeman & Cox.

With the progress of the community, and the building and advancement northward, it was deemed advisable in 1917 to select a new and central location. Consequently, in that year negotiations were completed to buy the home of E. P. Heald, one of the showplaces of Oakland, on the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Telegraph avenue.

In 1879 James L. McCarthy, a pioneer of California, founded what was known and continued to remain as a distinct business, the James L. McCarthy Undertaking Company, located for years on the corner of Seventeenth and Clay streets. This firm had one of the leading establishments of its kind in the Eastbay. In 1919 Mr. McCarthy, having decided to retire from business, sold his interests to M. M. Roach & Joseph F. Kenney, two well known business men of Oakland, and for some years the business continued under the name of the James L. McCarthy Co. In 1914 the name was changed to Roach & Kenney and the business was removed to a new location at 3479 Piedmont avenue.

In March, 1919, the merger of the present firm, Freeman & Cox-Roach & Kenney, took place. Since that time the firm has conducted one of the leading undertaking establishments of the community, with branch offices at 2414 Grove street, Berkeley, and 2945 East Fourteenth street, Fruitvale.

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### ALAMEDA RUG WORKS

The Alameda Rug Works, one of the largest and most prosperous concerns in its line in the Bay district, stands as a monument to the sound judgment, sturdy industry and indomitable perseverance of J. A. Osterdock, the proprietor. Beginning in a small way, he has so managed his affairs that success in large measure has crowned his efforts and he now ranks among the leading business men of Alameda. Mr. Osterdock was born in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 18th of March, 1866, and in early boyhood accompanied his family on their removal to Ottumwa, that state, where they located on a farm. There he was reared to the age of seventeen years, securing his education in the public schools, and then learned the trade of a cooper. Later he engaged in the meat business which he ran until 1897. Several years prior to that, while working as a cooper in Des Moines, he conceived the idea of going into the rug making business. He lacked the necessary money, as he was having a hard time to make even a good living, but eventually returned to Ottumwa, where he owned a ranch, which was rented. He arranged with the tenant to buy the property, and as a down payment received one hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash and four yearling colts. On his way back to town, leading the colts, he met a man to whom he sold the colts for forty dollars cash. With this capital of two hundred and fifteen dollars, he started in the rug business in Ottumwa, buying the lumber and making his own looms, and worked eighteen hours a day for two and a half years. However, he was successful in establishing a growing business and in 1901 he sold the plant for twenty-one hundred dollars. He then went to Pasadena, California, where he established the Pasadena Rug

Works, in the operation of which he met with substantial success, so that in 1906 he was able to sell a half interest in the business for six thousand dollars. He immediately came to Alameda, where he has since followed the same line of business, under the name of the Alameda Rug Works, and has built up an immense trade. He buys old carpets, which he unravels and weaves into rugs, which are both attractive and durable, and he also cleans carpets and rugs and renovates mattresses. The high quality of his work has been his best advertisement and his business has grown to the point where he now operates seven delivery trucks. His trade extends into Alameda, Solano, Contra Costa, Marin and San Francisco counties and as far south as Hollister, San Benito county. He has recently completed a second plant at 1114 East Fourteenth street, Oakland, where he has a two-story building, twenty-five by seventy-five feet, and fully equipped with modern machinery.

Mr. Osterdock was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Israel, and to them have been born two children, Harry E., who is manager of the Alameda Rug Company and is a member of the Alameda Kiwanis Club, and Louise M. Mr. Osterdock has led a busy life, having devoted his attention very closely to building up his business, and is now in comfortable circumstances. He has shown a proper interest in the welfare of the community in which he lives, giving his earnest support to all measures for the betterment of local conditions, and by his acquaintance is held in high regard for his business ability and splendid personal qualities.

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### PHILADELPHIA QUARTZ COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

There is a branch in Berkeley of the Philadelphia Quartz Company, which together with its allied interest, the Pacific Silicate Company, covers about two blocks of ground on Grayson street, near Sixth street, and the company's trade territory extends from Seattle on the north to San Diego on the south and as far east as Salt Lake City, besides which it has a large export trade to the orient, where it sells to jobbers. There is a large distributing plant in Los Angeles, and the company owns land in Amador county, California, where are rich deposits of silica. A subsidiary concern, the Pacific Silicate Company, with an interlocked directorate, has recently built a large plant on the property of the Philadelphia Quartz Company of California, the two plants representing an investment of a half million dollars. A railroad spur from the Southern Pacific facilitates the receiving of raw material and the shipping of products, and fifty persons are given steady employment.

The official roster of the Philadelphia Quartz Company of California is as follows: A. C. Elkinton of Berkeley, president; A. W. Elkinton of Orinda, Contra Costa county, vice president; William C. James of Berkeley, secretary and treasurer; H. O. Fisher of Berkeley, sales manager; C. L. Baker of Berkeley, chemist; T. T. Harrington of Berkeley, traffic manager; F. E. Langlois of San Francisco, and E. M. Armstrong of Berkeley, salesmen.

Almost a century ago, in the summer of 1831, Joseph Elkinton opened a shop in Philadelphia for the manufacture of candles and soap. His business progressed

steadily. The rosin used in making soap came from the south but during the Civil war era it could not be obtained. Other raw materials greatly increased in price and the demand arose for some suitable substitute for the rosin. Mixtures of silicate of soda and soap were tried and found useful. The kerosene lamp appeared at this time and the candle business waned. All efforts were now directed to the making of soap.

Others soon discovered the value of silicate in soap. The Elkinton family in 1864 formed a partnership with John Greacen, Jr., and Samuel Booth under the name of the Philadelphia Quartz Company. This continued until 1868, when the Elkintons purchased the interests of Greacen and Booth. The new chemical business developed slowly but gradual progress was made.

This was the humble beginning of the company's pioneer efforts to prove the value of silicate of soda, not only in washing processes, but in many other industrial practices. The Elkintons made it a policy to sell more than the mere commodity; they incorporated satisfaction into their products. The sales of silicate increased steadily until it was necessary to further improve manufacturing facilities to serve the patrons of the trade. Plants were built at Anderson, Indiana, (1889) and Chester, Pennsylvania, (1905). The soap business was discontinued in 1904 and the firm, incorporated as the Philadelphia Quartz Company, devoted its entire energies to making silicate of soda. Eventually plants were established also at Buffalo, New York, Kansas City; Rahway, New Jersey; St. Louis, Missouri; Utica, Illinois. William T. Elkinton, grandson of the founder, is president of the Philadelphia Quartz Company of Pennsylvania.

High freight rates from the east and the necessity of consumers carrying large stocks to protect their requirements made the west coast a potential field for a silicate factory; so in 1917, after investigating conditions on the west coast and selecting a suitable factory site at Sixth and Grayson streets, Berkeley, California, Alfred C. Elkinton, vice president of the Philadelphia Quartz Company of Pennsylvania, moved to Berkeley with his family to establish the California company. The Philadelphia Quartz Company of California was then incorporated, with Alfred C. Elkinton as president, as a representative of the Pennsylvania firm, to serve the trade west of the Rocky mountains.

The Berkeley plant began producing in the summer of 1918. Keen competition developed in the years immediately following. This era was successfully weathered and by the steady growth of the consuming industries on the Pacific coast, combined with the high standard of quality maintained, as well as their policy of honesty and fair dealing, the Philadelphia Quartz Company of California gained a firm foothold. Their tenth anniversary finds them operating their main plant at Berkeley, to which various additions have been made, and also a dissolving station at Los Angeles. Stocks of their various silicates are carried by jobbers in Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, Washington; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Salt Lake City, Utah. They are now the largest manufacturer of silicate of soda west of Kansas City, for almost a century of manufacturing experience stands behind Quartz Quality silicates.

Silicate of soda is a general name given to a number of considerably different commercial products. They are manufactured by fusing together silica (sand) and an alkaline soda salt, such as soda ash, to form a glass. By special processes

on a large scale, such glass can be made to dissolve in water; hence one name for silicate, "water glass". Silicates with different properties can be produced by adjusting the amounts of silica and soda, by regulating the concentration of the solutions, and by other special and often delicate processes. Some of the brands are clear solutions, others cloudy; still others are dry in lump or powder forms. In each of the brands some special properties have been developed which adapt it to some particular service.

As a chemical, silicate is used for a great many purposes. The heavy tonnage is all in soap manufacture and fibre shipping cases, but other interesting uses are: paper sizing, stainproofing lumber, ore flotation, deflocculating clays, oil refining, silk weighting, bleaching and rust prevention. Silicates have many uses as an adhesive besides corrugated paper board, combined fibre board and wallboard; such as, sealing shipping containers, asbestos aircell pipe covering, plywood, parquetry flooring, fibre trunks, china cements, and saggar mending. Most people know it as water glass for preserving eggs. It also has other important uses as a protective coating: testing and sizing barrels, grease-proofing paper, dustproofing concrete, fireproofing floors and curtains, sizing fertilizer bags, and cold water paints. Besides hardening to a very strong bond, dried silicates of soda have high heat resistance. They are not affected by ordinary temperatures. With this idea in mind, commercial and special brands have been developed for abrasive wheels, stove cements, furnace cements, digester linings, and acid concentrators.

New uses for silicate spring up very frequently. Almost daily some unheard of practice, involving silicate of soda, is discovered. Chemical and engineering departments are maintained with a staff of chemists and engineers who do research work, investigate the new applications, and devote their entire time to the study of commercial utilization of this versatile and inexpensive chemical.

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### JOHN LOCK

John Lock, who is a specialist and an expert in the manufacture of water-proof cement and in its use in the construction and repair of buildings, has a monopoly of this product in Alameda county, being the only one who has used it here, and has built up a large and prosperous business. Mr. Lock was born in Esthonia, Finland, on the 10th of October, 1866, and when ten years of age accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. They located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in the public schools of that city and of Chester, Pennsylvania, he received his educational training. In January, 1891, Mr. Lock enlisted in the United States Navy, serving for eighteen years in the engineering department, and during that period he made seven trips around the world. He saw active service in the Spanish-American war and in the Boxer uprising in China and had many interesting experiences in various parts of the world.

In 1921 Mr. Lock located in Alameda, where he has since been engaged in the waterproof cement business. He makes his own cement, the process of which is patented, and has filled many contracts for garages, foundations and like work and in repairing cracked and discolored walls, for which purposes it is an ideal sub-



stance. This cement has been used in the construction of many of the finest homes in Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and Piedmont, as well as the Neptune apartments in Alameda. He guarantees his material and his work, and thus far both have stood the test, so that he has gained a high reputation among builders and home owners. Mr. Lock is a member of the Oakland camp of the Spanish-American War Veterans. He is a man of progressive methods, honest motives and sterling integrity of character and stands deservedly high in the estimation of all who have come in contact with him.

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### ERNEST H. CARDINET

Ernest H. Cardinet, senior partner in the Cardinet Cleaning & Dyeing Works at Alameda, has exemplified in his career the possibilities open to anyone who will persistently and judiciously devote his talents and efforts to the attainment of a definite goal. Beginning his present enterprise in a modest way about fifteen years ago, he has, through his careful and painstaking attention, backed by square dealing and progressive methods, built up a good business which has had a steady and healthy growth until today he commands a large and representative patronage throughout the East Bay district.

Mr. Cardinet was born in San Francisco, California, February 17, 1874, and is a son of Emile and Cecelia Cardinet, both of whom were natives of France. The father, who is now deceased, was a pioneer of California, having come to this state on a sailing vessel by the way of Cape Horn in 1849. For a time he worked in the gold mines but later turned his attention to the poultry business in San Francisco, in which he was engaged for many years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in that city. To him and his wife were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom are living, though widely scattered, two residing in Paris, France, one in New York and the others in various parts of California.

Ernest H. Cardinet was about two years old when, in 1876, the family established their residence in Alameda, and in the grammar schools of this city he secured his education. At a youthful age he started to work, learning the plumbing trade with Mr. Furnly in Alameda. Later he entered the employ of F. Thomas & Company, owners of the Parisian Dyeing & Cleaning Works in Oakland, and he remained with that concern for twenty years, acquiring an intimate knowledge of every detail of the business. In 1913 Mr. Cardinet embarked in the same line of business on his own account in a small way, calling on his customers during the day and cleaning the clothes himself at night. He did good work; delivered the goods promptly, and thus, securing the confidence of the people, laid the foundation for his subsequent success. He now employs nine persons and has two auto delivery trucks. In accordance with a new law passed by the state legislature, Mr. Cardinet is contemplating the erection of a modern, fire-proof building, forty-five by seventy-five feet in size, in which will be installed up-to-date machinery, at a cost of eight thousand dollars, and he will then be in a position to take care of all the business that can be secured. His trade comes largely from Alameda,



Oakland and Piedmont and contiguous territory, and the Cardinet Cleaning & Dyeing Works have gained an enviable reputation for the high quality of the work turned out.

Mr. Cardinet was united in marriage to Miss Claire Prescott, of Alameda, whose uncle, George W. Prescott, was one of the most prominent business men of San Francisco. To Mr. and Mrs. Cardinet have been born four children, namely: Ernest H., Jr., who is in the employ of White & Company in San Francisco; Eugene, who is with the Melrose Construction Company; Delma V., who assisted his father until he attained his majority, when he was admitted to a partnership in the business; and Lorraine, who is seven years old.

Mr. Cardinet has always shown a good citizen's interest in the affairs of his community and was at one time a member of No. 5 Hose Company of Alameda volunteer fire department. He was a member of Company G, Fifth Regiment California National Guard, and took part in quelling the railroad strike in 1893. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Ancient Order of Druids.

Mr. Cardinet has been an interested spectator of the wonderful transformation which has taken place in this locality. He has shot quail and rabbits where he formerly lived. He has done his full part in furthering the progress of the community and is regarded as one of its enterprising and substantial citizens, commanding the respect and good will of all who have come in contact with him.

His mother, who is now, at the age of eighty-two years, living at Hayward, has in her home a valuable heirloom in the shape of a velocipede over one hundred years old, and which was owned and ridden by Mr. Cardinet's grandfather.

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### ERNEST J. ENGLER

As chief sanitary inspector for the city of Oakland, Ernest J. Engler is performing a very essential public service and has earned the commendation of his fellow citizens for the excellent and effective work he is doing in the conservation and protection of the health of the community. Mr. Engler was born in San Luis Obispo county, California, on the 1st day of July, 1880, and is a son of J. Alexander and Ann M. (Wallace) Cooksey. His father came to San Francisco in 1862 and for a number of years was identified with business interests here, but eventually located in San Luis Obispo county. After his death, his widow became the wife of a Mr. Engler.

The son, Ernest J., was reared by his step-father, whose surname he eventually adopted as his own. He received a good public school education, graduating from high school, and then engaged in newspaper work, which he followed in various cities of the United States for twenty-eight years. For a while he was engaged in promotion work and then became a member of the health department of the city of Chicago, where he remained until 1915, when he returned to California and established a mercantile business in East Oakland. He always evinced a keen interest in local civic affairs and on July 1, 1927, was appointed chief sanitary

inspector for the city of Oakland, a position of great responsibility and of vital relation to the well-being of his city.

Mr. Engler was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Elschroth, who was born and reared in Michigan, and they have a son, Ernest T., who is in high school. Mr. Engler has always given his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and is chairman of the board of directors of the Greater Oakland club. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served as a member of the First Regiment of California Volunteers. He is deservedly popular among his associates and throughout the city is held in high esteem.

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### RAYMOND W. ROBERTSON

Raymond W. Robertson, superintendent of recreation for the city of Oakland and director of physical education in the Oakland public schools, is performing a greatly appreciated work for the community. He was born at Sabetha, Nemaha county, Kansas, May 25, 1890, and is a son of William Belyea and Annie May (Wilks) Robertson, the former born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, in 1862, and the latter in Falls City, Nebraska, May 29, 1865. William B. Robertson, whose father was a native of Canada and of Scotch and English parentage, was a veteran of the Civil war, having served from March 25, 1865, to February 15, 1866. His wife was also of Scotch and English parentage. Her father, who was an Oxford graduate, came to California in the gold rush of 1849.

Raymond W. Robertson attended the public schools at Sabetha and Alta Vista, Kansas, from 1895 to 1906, also took a high school course and later entered the State Normal School at Emporia, that state, receiving from that institution a life teacher's certificate in 1912, and in June, 1915, the degree of Bachelor of Science. In the summers of 1915 and 1923 he took post-graduate work in the University of California and has also taken extension courses each year since 1923. From 1910 to 1917 Mr. Robertson gave his attention to the management of a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Kansas, and during 1916 served as physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association at Emporia. He began his pedagogical career in 1912 as a teacher in the high school at Horton, Kansas, and during the following summer taught in the Normal Training School at Emporia. During the ensuing regular school year he was an instructor in the State Normal School.

In November, 1917, Mr. Robertson enlisted in the radio service of the United States Navy; was transferred to seaman and, by examination, was advanced to the rank of chief boatswain's mate. He entered the officers' material school, in which he received a commission as ensign and was assigned to duty on the United States steamship Yantic. Later he was made executive officer of the United States submarine chaser 419 and later became commander of 411. He was honorably discharged from the service in November, 1919.

From September, 1920, to June, 1921, Mr. Robertson taught in the public schools of Kemmerer, Wyoming, being at the head of the physical education and

manual training departments, and in September, 1921, he became assistant superintendent of recreation of the City of Oakland, filling that position until July, 1926, when, his efficient service having won well merited recognition, he was made superintendent of recreation for the city and director of physical education in the public schools, in which capacity he is still serving. Physical education and playgrounds are his specialties and since coming to Oakland he has given these branches of child development all of his time, which has added to their importance and effectiveness. In the field of municipal recreation the program includes play days for girls, tournaments for boys, noontime activities, educational dramatics, pageantry, folk and natural dancing, May days, boating, canoeing, regattas, golf, sports, carnivals, baseball, handball, football and tennis and activities at vacation camps, children's clubs and playgrounds.

On February 9, 1919, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Robertson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Mae McLeod, who was born at Valley Falls, Kansas, August 9, 1889, of Scotch and English descent. She graduated from Kansas Agricultural College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, after which she took post-graduate work in Chicago University and Columbia University. Her parents were Neil and Martha Catherine (Hatfield) McLeod, the former born at Valley Falls, Kansas, and now living in Topeka, that state, while the mother was born at Dewitt, Iowa, and is deceased.

In his political views Mr. Robertson is a republican and is deeply interested in everything calculated to advance the public welfare along material, civic and moral lines. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Lake Chabot Golf Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, while along professional lines he is affiliated with the Oakland Teachers' Association, the California Teachers' Association, the National Education Association, the Physical Education Association, the Directors and Supervisors' Association, the Playground and Recreation Association of America and the Western Division of that association, the Schoolmasters' Club, the Pacific Coast Camp Association and the Glenview Improvement Club. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church. In full sympathy with the inclinations and yearnings of childhood and having a broad understanding of the physical problems of youth, he directs a well balanced program which gives every child in the Oakland public schools and the city of Oakland proper attention along physical and recreational lines, and the results of his well directed efforts here have been highly commended by all who are in touch with the work. Genial and friendly in manner, he has made a host of warm and loyal friends since coming to this city and is held in the highest regard.

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### CHARLES J. THALER

Charles J. Thaler, battalion chief in the Oakland fire department, owes his rise in the service to his sterling character and his able and faithful performance of duty, and he is well thought of by his fellow workers.

Mr. Thaler was born in Oakland on the 16th of April, 1883, and is a son of

the late Elizabeth and Conrad Thaler, who came across the plains in '49, and being a baker by trade, the father established a bakery in San Francisco, and a few years later moved to Oakland and established what was known to be the "San Francisco Bakery" at Eighth and Chester streets. He conducted this business successfully and was well known throughout the northern part of California. He took an active part in all civic affairs. He passed away at the age of seventy-eight years, and the property at Eighth and Chester streets which he left to his children, was later purchased and is now owned by Charles J. Thaler.

Charles secured his education in the Oakland public schools. In 1897 he crossed the desert to Arizona and worked on one of the largest cattle ranches in that section until 1899, when he enlisted in the United States Navy and received his honorable discharge at Pensacola, Florida, in 1904.

Upon his return to Oakland, Mr. Thaler purchased a paper route, which business he owned and conducted for several years. In 1906 he was appointed as extra man in the fire department and was on active duty during the San Francisco earthquake and fire. In 1908 he was appointed a regular fireman and served in that capacity until 1912, when he took the examination for lieutenant and passed the highest on the list. In 1913 he took an examination for captaincy and again passed high man. In 1914 he headed his class in the examination for battalion chief and is still serving in that capacity. Cool-headed, fearless and determined, he is well qualified for his position, and is held in high regard by all who know him, while at the same time he commands the respect and confidence of the men under him.

Mr. Thaler was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Rutherford, daughter of Sarah M. and the late Jack Rutherford, foreman of Engine Company No. 5, whose death occurred as the result of injuries received while fighting fire. Mrs. Thaler has long been active in the affairs of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, in which she served as grand trustee and is now grand secretary.

Charles J. Thaler is a member of Oakland Lodge No. 71, B. P. O. E.; Athens Parlor No. 195, N. S. G. W.; Pacific Coast Chiefs Association; Firemen's Relief Association; and Liscum Camp Spanish-American War Veterans.

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## COAST MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY COMPANY

A miner's safety fuse was invented by William Bickford at Tuckingmill, Cornwall, England, and patented by him on September 6, 1831. In 1836 it was decided to manufacture this device in the United States and the old Newgate prison at Granby, Connecticut, was secured for this purpose, while later the business was moved to Simsbury in the same state. Recognizing the possibilities for development in the growing west, the men who controlled the industry decided to locate in California and in 1867 opened a plant in Alameda county at what was then known as Brooklyn but is now East Oakland. In 1914 the members of the company found themselves in the midst of a rapidly expanding city and so purchased their present site near Livermore, in the Livermore valley.

The property comprises twenty acres of land and six acres of floor space

are furnished by the buildings, which include a hospital and dispensary, a laboratory, a large, two-story structure in which the offices of the company are situated, and about twenty dwellings for its employes. Two water systems have been installed, and a chemical fire engine is in readiness for emergencies. The well kept lawns are ornamented with shrubs and much effort has been expended in making this a model community as well as an industrial center. During the summer the working hours are from early morning until early in the afternoon, thus affording the men time for recreation, and because of ideal living conditions the employment turn-over is practically nil.

For fifty-four years the company has been making the above mentioned safety fuse and its best sellers are Dreadnaught, which is used chiefly in the large copper and other mines of the west, Tripletape and Comet Special. A high standard of production is maintained and the sales of the company cover a wider area than those of any other firm in the western hemisphere. During the World war they furnished over fifty thousand miles of fuse to the allies and all orders were ready on time. The firm maintains a field service department, in charge of experts, and the present officers of the corporation are Thomas W. Norris, president; and R. E. Merritt, secretary and assistant general manager.

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### J. EMIL PETERSEN

When, on January 22, 1898, J. Emil Petersen closed his eyes to earthly scenes, to join the choir triumphant, the city of Oakland lost one of its noblest characters. He had attained a large place in the business activities of this city, in which he met with a due measure of material success, and had also won an abiding place in the hearts of all who knew him, for he was a man of high ideals, which he exemplified in his daily life, and he stood consistently for all that was really worth while. Mr. Petersen was born in Denmark in 1863 and was reared and educated in that country. In 1883, when twenty years old, he came to California on a visit and was so attracted by this part of the country that he decided to make it his permanent home, remaining here continuously to the time of his death, with the exception of a five-months' visit to his native land in 1910. Before coming to this country he had graduated from Copenhagen University and had been pursuing medical studies, but after establishing his residence here he relinquished the idea of a professional career and became identified with the Port Costa Lumber Company at Vallejo Junction, of which he was superintendent for over thirty years. During that period he resided at Crockett, Contra Costa county, where he took an active part in local public affairs, having served for twenty-six years as a member of the board of education. He was a prominent figure in all republican conventions during that time and took pride in the political careers of some of the county officers whom he helped to nominate and elect. In 1915 Mr. Petersen moved to Oakland and engaged in the real estate business, in which he met with gratifying success. His first office was in the down-town district, but later, with a keen vision as to the future possibilities of the Eastlake property, he moved his office to the corner of East Fourteenth street and Fifty-fourth avenue, which property he

bought. Though conducting a general real estate business, he specialized in small homes and building lots, being a firm believer in everyone owning his home, his slogan being "Buy a Piece of Oakland." Thus he became an active and important factor in the upbuilding and development of that section of the city and the prosperity which came to him was well deserved.

Mr. Petersen was married in 1894, but his first wife passed away in 1909. He was married again in 1911 and his widow, Mrs. Emma C. Petersen, survives him. The republican party always claimed his stanch allegiance and everything which pertained to the welfare and betterment of his community received his earnest support. Fraternally, he was a member of Martinez Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M.; Oakland Chapter, R. A. M.; Oakland Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; Oakland Consistory, No. 2, A. A. T. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Oakland Pyramid, No. 2, Sciots; Vallejo Lodge, No. 559, B. P. O. E.; San Pablo Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., and Oakland Chapter, No. 140, O. E. S. True and loyal in every relation of life, his record was one that conferred honor on the community in which he lived and none commanded to a greater degree than did he the unqualified confidence and respect of the people among whom he lived. Kindly and unaffected in manner and cordial in his friendship, he lacked not for friends and those who knew him best were his greatest admirers, for he had at all times stood as a man among men, worthy of their esteem.

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#### CHARLES HOWARD MILLER, M. D.

Dr. Charles H. Miller, a well known physician and surgeon of San Leandro, was born in Rouseville, Venango county, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1871, and is a son of John Howard and Elizabeth (Hughes) Miller. The father, also a physician, brought his family to California in 1880, and located at Redding, Shasta county, where he successfully engaged in the practice of medicine until 1896, in which year he located in San Leandro. Here he built up a large practice and devoted his attention closely to his profession until his death in 1900.

Charles H. Miller attended the public schools and matriculated in Cooper Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1896. For one year he was associated in practice with Dr. Barkan, an eminent ear and throat specialist of San Francisco, and then removed to North San Juan, Nevada county, this state, where he engaged in practice until 1900 when, on the death of his father, he came to San Leandro, remaining here to the present time. He has been more than ordinarily successful in his profession and possesses to a marked degree the valuable faculty of inspiring confidence on the part of his patients. He has not only commanded a large private practice throughout his section of Alameda county but is also the local surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad and is medical examiner for the New York Life and thirty other insurance companies.

At North Bloomfield, California, Dr. Miller was married to Miss Maude McKillican, whose father was one of the pioneer gold miners of this state. To Dr. and Mrs. Miller was born a son, Donald Howard.

The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and served for ten years as treasurer of the various branches of that order in San Leandro. He is also a prominent member of the Kiwanis Club and has heartily joined in all movements for the advancement of the community along material, civic and moral lines. He is a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, the California State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. He has been true and loyal to every responsibility of life and his record has gained for him a high place in public esteem.

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### ROBERT R. CASTRO

Robert R. Castro, of Oakland, who conducts a large and prosperous insurance business, is a member of one of California's old and well known pioneer families, prominent in the early life of this section of the state, and he has always stood high in public esteem, due to his excellent character and splendid personal traits. Mr. Castro was born in Oakland, December 24, 1884, and is a son of Guadalupe and Rose (Rodriguez) Castro, who were members of families early established in this state, Mr. Castro's paternal grandparents having settled here over eighty years ago. At one time the family owned over twelve thousand acres of land, embracing what is now the business district of Oakland, but subsequently lost it all, while his mother's family possessed over thirty-five thousand acres of land. The Castros owned one of the first stage coaches used in this part of the country and in various ways were actively identified with the events of the early days in this locality. Both of the parents are deceased.

Robert R. Castro attended the public schools and graduated from the old Harrison high school in 1901. He learned the plumbing trade, but later engaged in the milk business, which commanded his attention for a number of years. For about nine years he was interested in the taxicab business, but since has been engaged in the insurance business, in which he has met with a large measure of success. He represents a number of the largest and strongest companies in the country and has placed a large amount of insurance throughout this locality. Mr. Castro is also the owner of the Hades Cafe, which is very unique, there being nothing like it on the Pacific coast. It has many distinctive features, one of which is that unescorted ladies are not admitted nor any gentlemen who are not accompanied by ladies. The Hades has the patronage of the best people of the community and the business is steadily growing. Among the many and varied interests of which Robert R. Castro is the head is a seventeen hundred acre stock farm located three and a half miles southwest of Corvallis, Oregon, whereon he keeps forty-one hundred head of high-grade Merino sheep and a number of beef cattle. He is an excellent judge of live stock, his many years of experience in this business making him an expert in his opinions concerning live stock values, so that he is often called upon as an expert witness in damage suits of that character. From boyhood Mr. Castro has been a collector of curios, of which he now has over three hundred and fifty specimens, one of which is an Angora goat with eight perfect legs, two bodies and one head.



Mr. Castro was united in marriage to Miss Iva M. Strow, who is a native of Oregon, where her parents settled in pioneer times, having crossed the plains with ox teams and covered wagons. Mr. and Mrs. Castro are the parents of six children: Essie, supervisor of Fabiola Hospital; James, weigher for the Grace & Owens Meat Company; William, who is engaged in the battery business in Oakland; Edna, supervisor of the baby ward in Fabiola Hospital; and Roberta and Thomas, who are students in the technical high school. All are yet residents of Oakland.

In his political views Mr. Castro is a strong republican. He is a member of Piedmont Parlor, No. 120, N. S. G. W., of which he is a past president, and belongs to the Past Presidents Association of that organization. He is identified with the entertainment, whist and dance committees of Oakland Lodge, No. 171, B. P. O. E., on which he has served for a period of fourteen years, and is also affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. A man of progressive and energetic methods, Mr. Castro has attained a very satisfactory success in his business affairs, has shown himself a public-spirited citizen, standing for all that is best in the life of his community, and enjoys a well merited popularity among his acquaintances.

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### AUGUSTIN DONOVAN

Augustin Donovan, who for sixteen years has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Oakland and in San Francisco, holding high rank in the profession by reason of his comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and his ability to accurately apply these principles to the points in litigation, is numbered among the native sons of San Francisco, where his birth occurred on the 14th of September, 1889, his parents being Michael J. and Elizabeth (Kavanaugh) Donovan, the former a native of Washington, D. C., and the latter of Louisville, Kentucky. His grandfather in the paternal line, M. J. Donovan, Sr., was born in Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood, settling in Washington, D. C. His wife, also a native of the Emerald isle, took up her abode in San Francisco in 1851. The death of M. J. Donovan, Sr., occurred when his son and namesake was quite young.

Michael J. Donovan, father of Augustin Donovan of this review, attended Georgetown University and afterward pursued a law course in the Hastings Law School of San Francisco, being a member of the first class of that institution, graduated in 1881. While he became an attorney, he also engaged in various other lines of business, having ranch property and mining interests, his last days being spent upon his ranch in Kings county, where he passed away in 1898, aged fifty-three years. He long figured prominently in public affairs and was elected to the state senate when but twenty-four years of age. He also served as a member of the state senate committee that conducted the Chinese exclusion examination and hearings in San Francisco in 1878. He was a member of the board of education of that city for a number of years and was the first president of the Builders



Exchange there. His wife, who was graduated from the College of the Holy Name at Lake Merritt, Oakland, is still living, making her home in San Jose.

Augustin Donovan pursued his academic education at St. Ignatius College and Santa Clara College and later became a law student in the Leland Stanford University, where he won his varsity letter in athletics and became a member of the Chi Psi fraternity and also the Phi Delta Phi, a legal honor fraternity. On the completion of his law course he was admitted to the bar September 16, 1912, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession in connection with Willard F. Williamson in San Francisco. He now maintains offices independently in the Oakland Bank building at Oakland and has been more than ordinarily successful in the practice of his profession, winning recognition as a safe and sound counselor and as a reliable and trustworthy trial lawyer, always preparing his cases with great thoroughness and care.

Mr. Donovan was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Morgan, who was born and reared in San Francisco and is a graduate of Miss Head's School and of the University of California. Mr. Donovan holds membership in the Athenian Nile Club, the Athens Athletic Club, the Press Club and the East Bay Stanford Club, of which he is president. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and with the Knights of Columbus. His right to membership in the American Legion is based upon his World war service, for he enlisted as a private in the heavy artillery in May, 1917, and subsequently attended the Officers Training Camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant, serving in that capacity until the close of the war. He is also a member of the Alumni Council of Stanford University and that his interest in athletics is maintained is indicated by his present position as president of the Eastbay Handball League, while the Athens Athletic Club has made him its handball commissioner. A man of keen mentality, agreeable manner and sterling character, he has long enjoyed the respect and esteem of his professional colleagues and contemporaries and a recognition of his high standing at the bar was accorded him in December, 1927, when he was appointed by the board of governors of the State Bar of California a member of the local administrative committee of the state bar for the county of Alameda.

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#### LESLEY E. ALLEY

Lesley E. Alley, a member of the Fernside Builders Company, of Alameda, is widely known as an expert interior wood finisher and evidences of his superior workmanship are to be found in many of the best residences in the Bay district. He has had long experience in the erection of good homes and is an important factor in the success of the firm with which he is now identified. Mr. Alley was born in Hallock, Kittson county, Minnesota, on the 8th of April, 1889, and was there reared to the age of twelve years, when the family moved to Sisseton, South Dakota. There he attended school but completed his education in the grammar schools of Oakland, California, to which city the family had moved in 1904. Mr. Alley learned the carpenter trade with P. H. Pinkerton, for whom he worked

for four years, and then entered the employ of H. C. Andreasen, of Alameda, for whom he served as foreman of construction in the building of fine homes. He remained with Mr. Andreasen until January 1, 1927, though during five years of this period, embracing the years of the World war, he was employed at joining work on merchant ships in the Moore shipyards. The Fernside Builders Company has erected six fine residences on the Fernside tract at Alameda and is regarded as a reliable and trustworthy concern, doing thoroughly and well whatever it undertakes.

Mr. Alley was united in marriage to Miss Leila Harrington, who was born and reared in San Francisco, and they are the parents of two sons, Lesley and Dean. Mr. Alley is quiet and unassuming in manner, but possesses those solid elements of character which commend him to the good opinion of all and has been found well worthy of the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

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### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

For a half century St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church has been regarded as an important and influential religious organization in Oakland, and under the ministrations and leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Edward Maher, is maintaining its prestige as an agent for good in the community. St. Patrick's parish was set off in August, 1878, and Rev. J. B. McNally was appointed the first pastor. A small chapel was first erected and the congregation, though small, united heartily with the pastor in the great work before them. On April 6, 1879, a new church was dedicated with most impressive ceremonies, after which the pastoral residence was built, followed by the erection of schools and other buildings. The first pastor, Father McNally, celebrated his silver jubilee in the priesthood in St. Patrick's church, at which time the ceremonies were very impressive, thirty-five members of the clergy being present in the sanctuary, including Rt. Rev. Bishop Montgomery, who preached the sermon. Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell was the rector of St. Patrick's immediately preceding the present rector, being transferred from here to St. Augustine's church, on the border line of Oakland and Berkeley.

Rev. Edward Maher, who was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's church in July, 1927, was born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, August 15, 1883. After completing his elementary studies, he attended Carlow College, in Ireland, and the Irish College, in Paris, France, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood in 1907. In that year he came to California and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church in Oakland. Later he served as assistant pastor of St. Peter's church in San Francisco, and his first regular pastorate was at St. Ann's church, at Lodi, San Joaquin county, where he built a Sisters' school and in other ways did very effective work. He was a member of the Lodi Rotary Club and took an active part in affairs affecting the community. He was next transferred to St. Patrick's, with which church he had served on first coming to this country. He has supervision not only of this church, but also of St. Joseph's school. A forceful and eloquent preacher, he always draws large congregations, while in his pastoral work he has shown a personal interest in his people that has given him

a strong hold on their confidence and esteem. He is given effective assistance by Father N. P. Morrow. Many prominent citizens of Oakland have received the holy rite of baptism at St. Patrick's, among whom are Judge Hennessey, Judge Ed Tyrell, County Supervisor John F. Mullins and others, and this old church is held in grateful regard by thousands throughout the city.

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### R. C. HILLEN

R. C. Hillen is an outstanding figure among the representatives of building operations in Oakland. He has become widely and prominently known as the "builder of modest mansions", but there is in his work an element of art and taste as well as utility and convenience that has drawn the attention not only of Oakland citizens but of visitors from all over the world. Beauty of design is always one of the features of his homes and through his extensive operations he has contributed largely to the improvement of the city.

California can proudly claim R. C. Hillen as a native son. He was born and reared in San Francisco and is of German descent. His father became a pioneer druggist of San Francisco and there the son spent his boyhood and youth, enjoying the educational advantages offered by the public schools, but starting out at an early age to make his own way in the world. His initial step was a humble one but through sheer force of ability and commendable determination he has reached the top and has been rewarded with prosperity well earned. He has operated most successfully as a builder in Oakland and has become widely known as a model builder of modest mansions, evidences of his ability being found in large measure in east Oakland residential districts including Normandy Garden, Court of All Nations and College Court, all of which are choice residential districts in the eastern part of the city. These are among the most distinctive homes in central California, unique, beautiful and attractive in design and supplied with every modern equipment and convenience known to the builder's art at the present time. As a builder he has been known to Oakland for the past nineteen years and in addition to the beautiful residences already mentioned he has been the builder of about nine hundred other "modest mansions," including three hundred and fifty homes in the Seminary avenue district of Oakland. His houses range in price from seven thousand five hundred dollars to twenty thousand dollars and are sold as rapidly as they are built, for the originality of design and the quality of work have attracted wide attention throughout northern California and make strong appeal to those who wish to acquire residential property. He maintains two offices, the main one being at 5364 Trask street, with a "studio office" at 5715 Picardy Drive north. He employs between thirty and forty men including carpenters, masons, brick layers, cement workers, plasterers, plumbers and painters and has only expert help.

Mr. Hillen is very fond of travel and as he has prospered in his undertakings he has utilized his leisure in trips in this country and abroad. In 1927 he visited Australia, South America, and South Africa and at this writing, in 1928, is touring Europe. While the trip is primarily for pleasure and he delights in scenic beauty and historical associations of the places he visits, he is also studying his

line of building and familiarizing himself with worth while ideas as he travels so that it takes no gift of prophecy to see that the prospective home buyers of Oakland will profit by the features which he observes in foreign countries. During Mr. Hillen's absence his building operations in Oakland go right on without interruption, being in the hands of thoroughly competent men, for he has surrounded himself with a corps of representatives whose efficiency is well known. His entire business career has been characterized by capability, broad vision, unfaltering integrity and high standards, and these qualities have brought him not only patronage but friends. Mr. Hillen is a man of few words—a man of action rather than words—but the sterling worth of his character has won for him the highest regard of those who know him best. In his relations with his employees and patrons he is always just and, moreover, in his makeup there is a quality of generosity most highly developed. He is intensely interested in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, yet he never aspires to public office, giving close attention to the business which he has made his life work and in which he has attained a high degree of success and prominence.

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#### ERNEST W. URCH

Ernest W. Urch represents R. C. Hillen as superintendent of construction and is thus closely associated with the extensive and important building interests in Oakland, where he has made his home since fourteen years of age. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, but when quite young was taken to Pueblo, Colorado, by his father, Effort Urch, who was a building contractor and under whom the son learned the carpenter's trade. His education was acquired in the public schools and when his text books were put aside he applied himself to the mastery of carpentering and steady practice and experience continuously promoted his skill and efficiency in that field. Eventually he began contracting on his own account in Oakland and Marin county, continuing in the business independently until about seven years ago, when he entered into active association with R. C. Hillen by becoming his superintendent of construction. He has since continued in that connection, having demonstrated his high qualifications for the position. Through his thorough and painstaking efforts to further the ideas and plans of Mr. Hillen, he has contributed in substantial measure to the success of the business. Mr. Urch is a member of Forest Hill Lodge, No. 564, F. & A. M., and he possesses in large measure those qualities which commend him to the friendship of his brethren of the fraternity and all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### LORING O. MCCORMICK

Loring O. McCormick, a progressive and efficient business man, of Oakland, was born in Los Angeles, California, on the 20th of March, 1890, and is a son of Edward L. and Anna (McCormick) McCormick. His father was a research engineer by profession and in the course of his operations left Los Angeles for

the east. Loring O. McCormick secured his elementary education in the public and high schools, after which he attended Columbia University, in which institution he later took a post-graduate course in land economics. He then took up appraising, which he followed in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C., until 1921, when he returned to his native state, locating in Oakland. Here he engaged in business as an appraiser and realtor alone for a time, later being associated with one of the largest real estate firms in the district, and in March, 1927, he formed a partnership with A. J. Goard and H. W. Arnold under the name of Goard, Arnold & McCormick, specializing in business property, and he became secretary of the company. They have offices at 355 Seventeenth street, and are meeting with good success, having handled a number of important deals.

Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Rogers, of Spokane, Washington, and they are the parents of two daughters, Mary and Janice. Mr. McCormick is independent in his political views, supporting the man whom he considers best qualified for office, regardless of party lines. A man of strong character and pleasing personality, he has formed a wide acquaintance since coming to Oakland and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### FRANCIS ROEMER, SR.

One of the worthy and popular citizens of Oakland is Francis Roemer, Sr., who is associated with the Oakland Lime and Cement Company. He has spent practically his entire life in this section of the state and is held in high esteem by all who know him. Mr. Roemer was born in Oakland on the 26th of October, 1881, and is a son of Gustave A. and Nellie T. (Carroll) Roemer. His father was born and reared in New York city and in 1879 came to Oakland, where he was employed in the butcher business for a time. Later he went into the meat business at Seventh and Center streets, in which he engaged until 1888, when he sold out and went to work for F. Becker in the Grand Central market. In 1898 he went to Fresno, California, and was engaged in business there to the time of his death, which occurred in 1904. His wife, who was a native of Maine, accompanied her parents to California in 1860, coming by way of the isthmus of Panama, at which time she was less than a year old. She lived in San Francisco to the time of her marriage, in 1881, and her death occurred November 4, 1927. To Mr. and Mrs. Roemer were born four children, two sons and two daughters.

Francis Roemer secured his education in the public schools, attending the Cole grammar school, and had two years in the Polytechnic high school. He then went to Fresno and assisted his father until 1900, when he returned to Oakland and for three years worked for the Wells Fargo Express Company. He then went back to Fresno and was with the Raisin Company until 1905, when he went to Los Angeles and was in the advertising business for about one year. Returning to Fresno, he was connected with the California Fruit Cannery Association until going to Bakersfield, this state, where he was in business for himself until 1912. He then came back to Oakland and was engaged in business until 1919, after which he was for a short time with the Moore Shipbuilding Company. In July of that

year he entered the county clerk's office, in which he was employed until January 1, 1923, when he accepted his present position as salesman for the Oakland Lime and Cement Company. He is energetic and wide-awake, has been "a good business getter," and commands the confidence and respect of all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Roemer was united in marriage to Miss Annie Strubhur, who is a native of Illinois, but was reared and educated in Oregon. They are the parents of two children, Frank R. J., and Mrs. Edith Marion. In his political views Mr. Roemer is a staunch republican and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs relating to the welfare and prosperity of his city, county and state. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of Piedmont Parlor, No. 120, N. S. G. W., and his daughter, Mrs. Hamb, is a member of Piedmont Parlor No. 87, N. D. G. W., and a very unusual and interesting occasion was when they were simultaneously installed as presidents of their respective parlors, the installing officers being the district deputy grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the grand president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Mr. Roemer is fond of outdoor life, particularly of motor trips, and is an ardent baseball enthusiast. Cordial and friendly in manner, and a man of genuine personal worth, he enjoys a wide acquaintance and has a host of warm and loyal friends.

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### FRED S. STRIPP

Fred S. Stripp, a prominent representative of the insurance business in Berkeley since 1920, is also widely known as an active civic leader of the city. He is a native of Canada, having been born in Toronto, Ontario, June 16, 1880. In the acquirement of an education he attended the schools of Charlevoix, Michigan, thereafter entered Kalamazoo College, and subsequently continued his studies in Dartmouth College. He was star catcher in the college baseball club and after putting aside his textbooks followed professional baseball for a period of eight years, being successively connected with the Fargo team of the Northern League, the Aberdeen team of the Northwestern League, the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League and the Salt Lake team of the Union American League, under John J. McClusky.

Mr. Stripp first became identified with the insurance business in Salt Lake City as a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which he afterward served as traveling auditor out of Vancouver, British Columbia. He was next made manager at Medford, Oregon, and was subsequently transferred to the Spokane and eastern Washington districts, including western Idaho. It was in 1920 that he came to Berkeley, California, where he has since been engaged in the conduct of a general insurance business, handling all lines.

In early manhood Mr. Stripp was united in marriage to Lorena M. Moran, a native of Arlington, Washington. They are the parents of four children, as follows: Fred, who was class president and president of the Honor Society at the Berkeley high school, from which he was graduated in 1928, and who is now a student in the University of California; Betty, who is president of the students'

body in the Garfield Junior high school; and Shirley and Pat, attending the Cragmont school.

Mr. Stripp is a stalwart supporter of the republican party and has manifested an active and helpful interest in civic affairs. He was manager of the Community Chest in 1925, has served as president of the Berkeley board of education, is a director of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, has occupied the presidency of the Northbrae Improvement Association and was formerly a director of the East Bay Underwriters Association. He is serving on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts organization, is now president of the Berkeley Lions Club and vice president of District No. 4 of the Officers Association of Lions Clubs. Moreover, Mr. Stripp is a past president of the Dartmouth Alumni Association of Northern California and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Thousand Oaks Lodge, F. & A. M.; Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of San Francisco; and the Sciois. His military record covers service in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American war as a member of Company K, Eleventh Infantry, and Company I, Thirteenth Infantry Regulars. His life has measured up to high standards in every relation and he fully merits the respect and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

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#### DRAKE'S CATERING COMPANY

One of the most distinctive institutions in the entire Bay district is Drake's Catering Company, located at 2441-45 Bancroft way, Berkeley, and which represents the original ideas and determined efforts of two women, Mrs. N. M. Drake, who first established the business, and her daughter, Mrs. M. R. White, who now owns and conducts it. The place is well deserving of the marked popularity which it enjoys, for it is conducted on a plane that commends it to discriminating people, and Mrs. White has well earned the splendid success which has crowned her efforts. The business was founded in Oakland in 1908 by Mrs. Drake, who began in a small way at Thirty-sixth street and Telegraph avenue, and because of the splendid service which she rendered she built up a business which soon required more commodious quarters, so that within five years she moved to Thirtieth street and Telegraph avenue. In this location the business expanded and acquired a reputation which attracted a class of customers that encouraged them to establish their present unique and attractive place, which in all of its appointments is superior to anything in its line on either side of the bay, and into which they moved January 15, 1926. Their three-story building is constructed of reinforced concrete and is in every respect well adapted to the purpose for which it is used, being equipped with all modern conveniences and of an architectural type that is extremely pleasing to the eye. Here they conduct a threefold business, bakery, restaurant and catering, and some idea of its growth and importance may be gained from the statement that eighty people are employed in the restaurant and seventy-five in the catering department. From one thousand to fifteen hundred people are served daily in the restaurant, the main hall having a seating capacity of one hundred and seventy-five, while the balcony dining room seats two hundred



and fifty. They serve breakfast, luncheon, afternoon tea and dinner. The catering department gives special attention to weddings, receptions, dances, suppers and teas, in either the homes or clubhouses. The establishment is prepared to rent dishes, silver, linen, tables and chairs, and sells pure fruit punches, fancy sandwiches, box lunches or salads in any quantity.

Mrs. M. R. White became associated with her mother when fourteen years of age, and it has been largely through her initiative, sound judgment and executive ability that the establishment has been developed into what it is today. At one time Mrs. White conducted a small place of her own, called the Specialty Food Shop, at the gate to the University of California grounds, but this was later consolidated with Drake's, and she has from that time devoted her attention tirelessly to the interests of the business. The very best of food, prompt and efficient service and careful attention to the comfort and wants of her patrons have been the foundation stones of her success, and she has won a host of warm and admiring friends among her patrons, who have recognized and appreciated her earnest efforts to provide for them an ideal service. Mrs. White is a member of the Soroptomist Club of Berkeley and is extremely popular among her associates.

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### HAMILTON J. HANEY

The business career of Hamilton J. Haney, of Berkeley, has been marked by a sagacity and soundness of judgment that would have insured success in any undertaking, and during the past quarter of a century he has held a foremost place among the progressive, wide-awake and successful men of the city. He was born in Ryegate, Caledonia county, Vermont, on the 18th of May, 1867, and received his educational training in the district schools and an academy at McIndoe Falls, in his home county, after which he aided in the work of the home farm.

In 1888, at the age of twenty-one years, tired of trying to cultivate the rocky New England hills, Mr. Haney came to California and engaged in dry farming at San Pablo (now Richmond), Contra Costa county. He worked hard but met with many lean years, and one day he hauled a load of hay into Berkeley, where he sold it for eleven dollars, which was much more than he could get for it at the farm. Quick to grasp the significance of this fact, after sizing up the situation he decided that there ought to be good money in the feed and fuel business, and in 1902 he bought a lot, fifty by one hundred and forty-two and a half feet in size, at the corner of Shattuck avenue and Blake street, for which he paid three thousand dollars, and converted it into a feed and fuel yard, which is still in existence. At that time the ground was a berry patch, and close by his place was a dairy and cow pasture, his lot being practically out in the country. However, his judgment in buying there has since been abundantly vindicated and his lot is today worth many times what he paid for it. For a number of years he conducted his feed and fuel business, meeting with a gratifying measure of success, and in 1915 he branched out into the ice business, erecting a nine-ton ice plant. This proved a successful venture, his ice business growing so rapidly that two years later he bought one hundred and fifty feet more land adjoining his property and built a thirty-ton ice plant.



He did a large retail ice business until 1927, since which time he has sold at wholesale only. He is now the owner of four fuel and feed yards in Berkeley, and is also president of the Alpine Wood & Supply Company. His success has been gained through close application, determined effort and honorable methods and he has long been regarded as one of Berkeley's substantial business men and worthy citizens.

Mr. Haney married Miss Georgene M. McClellan, who is a native of Vermont and had preceded him to California. To them has been born a daughter, Dorothy M., who is the wife of E. M. Pearson.

Mr. Haney is a member of Berkeley Lodge, No. 366, A. F. & A. M.; Oakland Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Aahmes Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Berkeley Lodge, No. 270, I. O. O. F.; Berkeley Lodge, No. 1002, B. P. O. E., and Berkeley Camp, No. 123, W. O. W. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Presbyterian church, to which they give generous support. Everything calculated to promote the best interests of his city and county enlists his hearty support and throughout the community he commands uniform confidence and respect because of his fine business record and his genuine worth of character.

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#### RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD P. DEMPSEY

In the death of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward P. Dempsey, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic church in Oakland, on January 21, 1928, the East Bay district lost one of its most beloved citizens and ablest and most distinguished clergymen, a man whose life had been characterized by zeal and devotion to his holy calling that was immeasurably fruitful in its results and gained for him the confidence and respect of the people of his city, regardless of creed or profession.

Father Dempsey was born at Warm Springs Hill, a small mining town in Eldorado county, California, on the 6th of March, 1871, and was a son of Patrick and Honora Dempsey. His father came around Cape Horn to California in 1851, and at once went to the mining district. In addition to his mining interests, he also became the owner of many cattle but lost everything in a flood. He then returned to mining and during those early years was acquainted with Leland Stanford and other of the prominent men of that day. In 1872 he came to Oakland and became an investor in stocks; later engaged in contracting, and during the ensuing years passed through a variety of experiences, making and losing three fortunes. At the time of his death, in 1889, he had large mining interests and was prominent and influential in business and civic affairs.

Father Dempsey was about one year old when the family moved to Oakland and here he secured his education under the Christian brothers, attending old St. Joseph's Academy at Fifth and Jackson streets and later Sacred Heart College in San Francisco. He next entered St. Mary's College on the old Mission road, from which he was graduated as the youngest member of his class with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1887. He returned to his alma mater for a post-graduate course and while in that college he took an active interest in athletics, being a member of the famous Phoenix baseball team. In further preparation for the priest-

hood, he went to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, and from there to the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., where he completed his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood in 1893 by Archbishop Reardon. His first appointment was as assistant pastor at St. Raphael's church, San Rafael, California, and in the following year he was appointed to St. Mary's cathedral in San Francisco, where he served for eleven years. While at the cathedral he was instrumental in organizing a number of sodalities and was active in the League of the Cross Cadets and other organizations.

Upon the death of Rev. Michael King in 1905, Father Dempsey was transferred to old St. Mary's church in Oakland, where he labored for twenty years, during which period he accomplished great things for the parish, which he practically re-organized. He rebuilt the block, remodeled the parochial buildings and established a convent for the Sisters of the Holy Names. At the same time he took a deep and effective interest in civic affairs and, as a member of the Downtown Business Association, he waged a fight against the railroad interests, it being largely through his efforts that Seventh street was widened and paved and electric cars substituted for the steam cars that formerly occupied it. During the trying days that immediately followed the earthquake of 1906 he organized a relief corps for the care of the refugees from San Francisco and established a Red Cross station and hospital in the park near the church. Hundreds who had lost everything in the great conflagration were housed by him in the St. Mary's school building. His thoughts were ever with the poor and afflicted, and he made daily visits to the city and county jails and the hospitals. In 1924, following the death of Rev. Dr. F. X. Morrison, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Archbishop Hanna appointed him to this central parish and here he served indefatigably and with great success until his death. Father Dempsey made a journey to the Holy City, where he was received by His Holiness, the Pope, who made him a papal delegate to the eucharistic convention at Chicago. He was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Father Dempsey is survived by a sister, Mrs. N. Galvin, who was reared in Oakland and was an able assistant to her father, handling much of his business for him. She has a daughter, Miss Irene Patricia Galvin.

The funeral of Father Dempsey was held January 24, 1928, and was attended by a vast concourse of church dignitaries and priests, St. Francis de Sales church being filled to overflowing, while hundreds, unable to gain admission, lined the streets outside. The services were beautiful and impressive and bore eloquent testimony to the exalted place which the deceased held in the hearts of his co-religious workers, who felt that in his death they had lost not only one of their ablest men, but a friend and brother. Of the many beautiful and eulogistic tributes paid to his memory on this occasion, the following brief excerpts are given, touching his life and character: Archbishop Hanna—"He saw the glory of Christ, the dignity of the priesthood, and in the fullness of his love and the fullness of sacrifice consecrated himself to this ideal \* \* \* If you ask for his monument, think not only of the material things, but also of the temples of God he has builded in the souls of men. \* \* \* To his love of humanity, he joined unusual strength of character, which made him stand for what was right and true and just, no matter what the consequences. \* \* \* A man of childlike simplicity and directness;

a man of great and penetrating knowledge of men; a priest true to his vocation; a man of great mind; a man of great love; a man of great strength—him we honor today and him we venerate with all the power of a heart that loves." John J. Cox, grand knight, Knights of Columbus—"He was a priest of God and faithful unto the end to that sacred trust." Judge William J. Hennessey—"The death of Monsignor Dempsey is a distinct loss to the diocese \* \* \* A splendid character, priest and citizen, his loss will be deeply felt by all who had the honor of knowing him." J. J. Scannell, president Holy Names Society—"His activities in civic betterment and the general welfare of the community made him an invaluable leader to the community at large." Mrs. George W. McMasters, Vincentian Relief Society—"It will be many years before such an unselfish man can be replaced in our church and in the community. The loss of Father Dempsey is a great blow to the charitable organizations of the East Bay district."

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### FERDINAND SCHULTZ

One of the ablest and best known restaurateurs in the Bay district is Ferdinand Schultz, who owns and conducts The Alabam, at Junction City, Alameda county, and The Yellowstone Buffet Luncheon, at 22 Montgomery street, San Francisco. He has devoted his life to his present line of business, in which he is an acknowledged expert, and enjoys an enviable reputation throughout this part of the state.

Mr. Schultz was born in Hamburg, Germany, and is a son of August Schultz, a successful hotel proprietor and restaurant man, under whose supervision the son gained a practical knowledge of the business. The latter received his education in the public schools of his home city and when eighteen years of age came to the United States. He stopped in New York city, where he was employed as chef at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel for six years, after which he became chef on the "Normania" and the "Bismarck" of the Hamburg-American line, on which he crossed the Atlantic ocean thirty-two times. He then went to the Hotel Touraine in Boston, where he remained for three years, after which he became chef at the Iroquois Hotel in Buffalo, New York, remaining there for five years. On the day before President McKinley's assassination, Mr. Schultz had charge of the banquet given in his honor at the State building at the fair grounds, and there he saw and spoke to Mr. McKinley. His next position was at the Auditorium Annex in Chicago, with which he was connected until 1909, when he came to San Francisco. He served one and a half years as steward for John Taits, after which he served in the same capacity at the celebrated "Portola Louvre" in San Francisco for five years.

From there Mr. Schultz went to Oakland, where he took charge of Pabst's cafe on Eleventh street, owned at that time by Captain Pabst, the Milwaukee brewer. After managing that place for seven years, he bought it, taking a ten-year lease from the owner, and he ran that place until the prohibition law went into effect, when he sublet it. In 1924 Mr. Schultz built the Toyon Inn, at Junction City, an exclusive and high priced place, and conducted it until 1928, when he remodeled it and renamed it The Alabam. Since that time he has run it as a popular priced eating place and pleasure resort, a splendid dancing floor, thirty-five by forty-five

feet in size, with a splendid seven-piece orchestra, affording entertainment for those who desire to dance. At this place there are no cover charges, no coat room charges and free parking space is provided. This has become one of the most popular places in the entire Bay district, as is abundantly testified by the capacity crowds which throng it. He made a pronounced success of the Toyon Inn, and is more than repeating it at The Alabam. Mr. Schultz has the land where he is now located leased for ten years, with an option for purchase. He is also the proprietor of The Yellowstone Buffet Lunch, in San Francisco, which is one of the most popular eating places in that city. He spends part of the day at each place, usually being at the San Francisco place at noon and at Junction City in the evening. Though he thus gives his personal supervision to these places, he employs a manager at each one and is relieved of much of the details of their operation. He employs thirty people at The Alabam and pays particular attention to the cuisine, of which there is no better judge, and is insistent that nothing but the very best food shall be served to his patrons, a fact which is fully appreciated by the public. Mr. Schultz's reputation as a high class caterer has drawn the best class of people from Oakland, San Jose, San Leandro, Hayward and other East Bay towns and he is enjoying well merited prosperity. His manager at The Alabam, W. J. Maher, was born at Virginia City, Nevada, where his father owned a large dry goods store in the palmy days of the Comstock mine, and was later in the same line of business at Grass Valley, Nevada county, California. Mr. Maher is thoroughly competent, being a man of wise discrimination and mature judgment, is cordial and affable in manner, and is deservedly popular with the patrons of the place.

In 1906, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Zurich, who was born in Budapest, Hungary. Mr. Schultz took out his naturalization papers in San Francisco and has given his political support to the republican party. He is a member of Oakland Lodge No. 171, B. P. O. E., and of the Athens Athletic Club of that city. He has shown a marked spirit of enterprise in all of his affairs, has maintained high ideals in the operation of his business, and his efforts to satisfy his patrons have gained for him their appreciation and esteem.

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#### ROY O. LONG

Roy O. Long, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Berkeley, is a native of California, having been born in Petaluma, Sonoma county, September 6, 1888, and he was educated in the schools of that place. He was first connected with the brokerage business in Tonopah, Nevada, and later did special reportorial work on the San Francisco Examiner. In 1908 he came to Berkeley and was given charge of the leasing department of the Mason-McDuffie Company, realtors. It was in 1913 that he started in business for himself in a small way, renting office space in a store, and he has since built up a large real estate and insurance business. He now has in his employ twenty-eight people and has a well equipped office on Shattuck avenue, built in Old Mission style. He has built and sold over five hundred residences in the better sections of Berkeley and Piedmont and has also erected several apartment houses. He purchased a block from

the Southern Pacific Railroad on Shattuck Square and has there erected a modern building which he recently sold for one million and a half dollars.

Mr. Long has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs and for two terms he efficiently served as president of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. At present he is vice president of the Western Housing Corporation, a finance company, and is also president of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Company, of which he was one of the promoters. This company was organized to construct a bridge across the bay from Richmond to San Rafael. Mr. Long is also a member of the Berkeley Realty Board, is president of the Boy Scouts and is past exalted ruler of Berkeley Lodge, No. 1002, B. P. O. E. He has given his personal efforts and influence in the promotion of those things which are calculated to better his community and is regarded as one of Berkeley's most enterprising and successful business men.

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### DENES KAROLY

Denes Karoly, president and manager of The Venus, Inc., at 1422 Broadway, Oakland, has gained a well earned reputation as an authority on pure food, which he has exemplified in his business, and his progressive and up-to-date methods have gained for him not only distinctive success in a material way, but also the respect and esteem of those who know him.

Mr. Karoly was born in Hungary on the 9th of October, 1887, and is a son of Joseph and Agnes (Szelagyi) Karoly. The mother died when Denes was but four years old, while the father passed away in 1921, just when his son was preparing to make him a visit at the old home. Denes Karoly was reared at home and attended the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years began to learn the trade of cabinetmaking. In 1906, when almost twenty years old, he came to the United States, locating first at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, where he remained about three months. In 1907 he came to California and engaged in French polishing, which he had thoroughly learned and which consisted of the painting and finishing of all kinds of interior woodwork, such as is found in churches and the better class of residences. On his arrival here he found business conditions in a very depressed state, and as he could not speak the English language he had a hard time securing employment, but he persisted and devoted himself closely to learning the language and in getting acquainted with the customs of this country. He continued to work at his trade until 1913. He followed closely his father's parting injunction to "shun bad companions," kept himself closely in hand, and gained the respect of all with whom he associated. Determined to gain an independent position in the world, in 1914 he established his present business at 412 Fourteenth street, beginning in a modest way, and in his early efforts he was given invaluable assistance by his sister Teresa, who was a proficient cook, and to her aid as much as any other he attributes the success which has crowned his efforts. Her death occurred in 1918. Mr. Karoly's earnest and persistent efforts were rewarded by increased business and in 1918 he located at 1422 Broadway, at which time he was joined by his brother, George Karoly, and the business was incorporated as The Venus. Fifty people are now employed and

the company manufactures ice cream, candies, rolls, bread and French pastries, and serves breakfasts, lunches and dinners, in which line it has gained marked popularity.

In 1922, as a result of his strenuous efforts to build up the business, Mr. Karoly's health broke down and in his efforts to recover he made a close and exhaustive study of foods, their values and combinations from a health standpoint. The results of his research were twofold, not only gaining for him a restoration of his health, but giving him also a clearer insight into the future methods of preparing his food for public use, on which he has well defined opinions. In the making of ice cream and candy he permits the use of no coal tar dyes or other coloring matter which could be detrimental to health, buys only the highest grade of milk and cream, and insists on absolute purity in the manufacture of every product which he sells. Mr. Karoly also owns and operates a Pure Food store on East Fourteenth street, where he has built up a large and steadily increasing patronage among those who appreciate the value of the right kind of food. His hobby is furnishing the public the right kind of food, and that his efforts in this direction have been appreciated is evidenced by the large patronage which he enjoys.

In his political views Mr. Karoly is a republican, though in his choice of candidates he votes for the men whom he considers best fitted for public office. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; is a charter member of the Lions Club; and belongs to the Foresters of America, the Athens Athletic Club, the Safety Council, the Castlewood Country Club, of which he is a life member; and the East Bay Asthatic Club, of which he is a director. During the World war Mr. Karoly enlisted in the service of his adopted country, of which he is a loyal and patriotic citizen. He is, in the best sense of the term, a self-made man, his success being entirely due to his persistent and well directed efforts, and he is entitled to a large meed of credit for what he has accomplished. He is a man of earnest purpose and high ideals, and his business record and private life have made him well worthy of the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

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### MELF I. SCHWEEN

In commercial circles of Berkeley no name commands more respect than that of Melf I. Schween, whose business career has stamped him as a man of marked ability and judgment. Additional interest attaches to his record from the fact that he is essentially a self-made man, having started here with very limited resources, and his outstanding success is the outcome of his determined and persistent efforts, backed by right principles and high ideals, and today he stands in the front rank of the business men of the East Bay district.

Mr. Schween was born in Bredstedt, Denmark, on the 24th of February, 1861, and was there reared, attending school to the age of sixteen years. He was then apprenticed to learn the trade of a baker and confectioner, at which he served five years and for which schooling he paid one hundred marks yearly. In 1883, when twenty-two years old, he came to the United States, locating in New York city, where he worked at his trade, and later established a grocery store on West Fifty-

first street. In 1896, because of the illness of his father, he went back to Bredstedt and took charge of his father's grocery business, and after the death of his parent, he continued the business until 1911, when he sold out and again came to this country.

Mr. Schween then located in San Francisco, and the next year came to Berkeley and, with very limited capital, he and his wife opened a grocery, bakery and delicatessen store at 2071 University avenue. Close attention to business and judicious management brought success and during the subsequent years the business steadily increased until today it is the leading concern in its line in Berkeley. In the course of time the old quarters were outgrown and in 1922 Mr. Schween moved to his present location at 2068 University avenue, where he has an up-to-date and attractive store, in which he carries a full line of groceries, meats, fruits, vegetables, delicatessen goods and a modern bakery, he being the oldest baker in point of years of service in the city. He is a member of the United Grocers, Inc., a national corporation, which buys in quantities and at prices that enable its members to successfully compete with the chain stores. Mr. Schween is a director of the California and Nevada division of this corporation, comprising three hundred and fifty members, and which did a business of four million dollars in 1927. As Mr. Schween has prospered he has wisely invested in real estate and is the owner of a fine apartment house at Grant avenue and Berkeley way, and also owns a comfortable and attractive home. He is a director of the Armstrong School of Business in Berkeley.

In New York city Mr. Schween was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Schleyer, a native of Germany, and they are the parents of two daughters: Johanna, now the wife of Alfred Denk; and Christel, who is a student in the University of California.

Mr. Schween is a member of the Berkeley Rotary Club and has shown a public-spirited interest in the progress and welfare of his community, and he commands the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, who recognize his achievements and appreciate his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

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### FRANK CLINTON MERRITT

Frank Clinton Merritt, a lifelong resident of Oakland, where he is now serving as city clerk, enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the most popular and capable public officials of Alameda county. His birth here occurred on the 28th of July, 1889, his parents being John Josiah and Agnes (Clinton) Merritt, the former born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 13, 1849, and the latter in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19, 1849. He is descended from a family of old American establishment, its first representatives in this country having emigrated from England in 1635 and settled in New Amsterdam, New York. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors bore an active part in the formation of this country during Revolutionary times. Through his grandfather, James Clinton, who was born in Ireland in 1809 and who emigrated to America in 1824, relationship may be traced to the family of the Earl of Lincoln. Branches of the Clinton family were actively engaged in the Revolutionary war, and the importance of their service may be summed up in the



sentence of Rev. John Blake, who stated: "Brigadier-General James Clinton commanded under Governor Clinton at Fort Clinton, from which when attacked and taken by Sir Henry Clinton, General Clinton, though severely wounded, escaped." Each of the Clintons mentioned in this sentence belonged to the same family. The grandson of the governor, DeWitt Clinton, was one of the most powerful statesmen who ever lived in the commonwealth of New York. The family has held its own through the years and through marriage has become connected with scores of distinguished families.

The paternal grandmother of Frank C. Merritt, whose maiden name was Sarah Van Groesbeck, was a direct descendant of Sergeant John Bovee of George Washington's army, a scion of Old Dutch stock which in the seventeenth century emigrated to New Amsterdam from Holland. Judge Josiah Merritt, paternal grandfather of F. C. Merritt, was born in Orange county, New York, in 1796, and came to California in 1849. He was subsequently chosen the first county judge of Monterey county. James Clinton, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Merritt of this review, came to California via Panama with his family in 1853 and later established a large ranch in Contra Costa county.

In the acquirement of an education Frank C. Merritt attended the public schools of Oakland until graduated as a high school student in June, 1908. The following year he was a member of a field surveying party in the employ of the Western Pacific Railway of San Francisco and on the 3d of March, 1910, was appointed extra clerk in the office of the city clerk of Oakland. In 1913 he was promoted to the position of head clerk, two years later was made chief deputy and on the 10th of January, 1927, assumed his present important duties as city clerk of Oakland. The city clerk's office in Oakland is a model of municipal efficiency and is generally recognized throughout the United States as one of the most modern offices of its kind. A striking example is the fact that the use of manuscript has been entirely eliminated in the making of public records. Mr. Merritt is half owner of an eighty-acre ranch in Merced county, where he engages in the raising of barley, alfalfa, rice and hogs.

On the 9th of January, 1916, in St. Patrick's church of Oakland, Mr. Merritt was united in marriage to Helen Kingston, who was born in Oakland, January 13, 1894, and who is a graduate of St. Joseph's Convent and a member of Aloha Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Her parents, Richard and Margaret Kingston, were born in Ireland. The former, who passed away in 1927, was a retired employe of the Southern Pacific Company after forty-six years of service. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are the parents of three children, all born in Oakland, namely: Geraldine Alice, whose natal day was May 10, 1917; George Clinton, whose birth occurred March 8, 1920; and Barbara May, born May 23, 1923.

Mr. Merritt gives his political support to the republican party and is widely recognized as a most progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizen. During the period of the World war, in 1917 and 1918, he was directly in charge of all draft registration for the United States in the city of Oakland, while in 1919 he served as secretary of the Oakland War Memorial Committee. He is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic church and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Homeless Children's Committee. He is past president of Brooklyn Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and served as grand historiographer of the organ-



ization from 1920 until 1925. He aided in securing copies of the records of Spain for the history department of the University of California, which work is sponsored and paid for by the Native Sons, and in fact for many years past Mr. Merritt has actively assisted in the task incident to the preservation of the historical records of California. He belongs to the California State Historical Society, is past president of the Native Sons Service Club, president of the Lincoln Grammar School Association of Oakland, is a charter member of the Veteran Firemen's Association of Oakland and served as secretary of Oakland Wheelmen, Athletic Club, from 1913 until 1915. His thorough understanding of municipal government, supplemented by years of experience in city affairs, caused his election in 1923 as president of the League of California Municipalities, in which capacity he was the head of all city officials of the state. Mr. Merritt has long enjoyed high standing in social, fraternal and civic circles of his native city and county, where his friends are legion.



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